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DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 14.
Following publication in Berlin yesterday of an inspired statement that the German Government will shortly attempt to enter into direct negotiations with France and Belgium with regard to the future of the Rhineland and Ruhr, Reuter's Paris correspondent now announces that Von Hoesch, the German charge d'affaires has been asked to interview M. Poincaré, who will see him to-morrow. The French newspapers are somewhat dubious as to Germany's intentions but declare that if Germany is sincere, her move will be carefully considered in Paris. They attribute Germany's change of attitude partly to the possibility of a Labour Government in Britain necessitating Germany's adopting of an unequivocally pacific attitude in order to secure the backing of Labour. It is pointed out that the reopening of negotiations will provide an opportunity for discussing also disarmament and military control and that the Allies must join in the conversations.

RELEASING POLITICAL PRISONERS.

ESSEN, December 14.

The Franco-Belgian military commanders have informed the German Red Cross that a large number of political prisoners will shortly be released as passive resistance may now be regarded as ended.

RESEARCH REWARDED.

LATEST ROCKEFELLER ENDOWMENT.

TORONTO, December 14.

In recognition of the research work of the medical faculty of Toronto University, culminating in Dr. Banting's discovery of insulin, it is announced that the Rockefeller Foundation has granted a million dollar endowment fund for the maintenance of the faculty.

MEXICAN REVOLT.

GOVERNMENT WIN FIRST ROUND.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

VERA CRUZ, December 14.
Official despatches report that the first clash between Federal troops and Rebels commanded by General Escobedo occurred at Quailan (Jalisco) and resulted in victory for the Government forces.—
Reuter's American Service.

AMERICAN LEAVING VERA CRUZ.

NEW YORK, December 14.
To-day's despatches from Mexico indicate that most fighting is proceeding between the advancing Federal troops and entrenched Federalists are barring the road to Mexico City. It is reported that the Americans are now engaging General Obregon's forces at San Marcos railway junction. Americans are leaving Vera Cruz as rapidly as possible, probably waiting for the arrival of General Huerta's troops before leaving.—
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DEAD?

SINGAPORE BASE SUGGESTION.

LONDON, December 14.
The Council of the League of Nations Union has dropped its resolution against incurring expenses in the Singapore naval base. Professor Gilbert Murray, presiding, remarked that it was quite clear the Singapore policy was dead.

ADMIRALTY DENIAL.

LONDON, December 14.
The Admiralty deny the report that the Singapore scheme has been abandoned.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

SEVERE OUTBREAK AT SINGAPORE.

LONDON, December 14.
An epidemic of foot and mouth disease has broken out in the country. It is reported that 23,000 animals have been affected. The Government is sending a party to the straits to investigate the disease. It is reported that a large number of animals are being destroyed and that the disease is spreading rapidly.

MINSTREL SHOW.

STAR THEATRE EFFORT.

Members of the St. Louis Juvenile Club, assisted by what the programme described as "local amateur talents" gave a minstrel show and variety entertainment at the Star Theatre last night which was well attended. The minstrel troupe monopolized the first half and the customary cross-talk. Those taking part included Messrs. A. E. Tavaras (interlocutor), Leo Guimaraes, J. Montalvo, C. Figueiredo, L. Soares (and men), E. Alves, Goncalves, J. Remedios (trap shooters), C. Xavier, H. Gmca, E. Brown, A. Xavier, A. Brown, and G. Pearson (butlers). In the second half of the programme Miss Daisy Xavier, Miss H. Oliveira, Misses H. and M. Noronha, Mrs. H. Leeds, and Miss C. N. Hyndman came to the rescue and many of their items were "encored." Mrs. V. Goncalves and Master John Remedios were the accompanists.

THE CORONET.

WEEK-END PROGRAMMES.

To-day is the last showing of "Trouble" with Jackie Coogan, and Buster Keaton in "The Boat" at the Coronet. Comedy predominates in these two pictures, which have been deservedly popular this week. To-morrow the attraction will be Norma Talmadge in "The Eternal Flame," a story adapted from Balzac's "Duchesse de Langeais." In it Miss Talmadge has a strong part of the society beauty, who, made the subject of a wager by her rogue of a husband, becomes a notorious destroyer of the careers of men. The dramatic side of the picture begins when she meets the "Gloomy General," de Montreuil. He, acting on the advice of a friend, abducts the willful beauty, with the idea of branding her with a mark of shame. The film provides strong material for the excellent cast, and the settings in the period of France of the Louis reign, are of unusual beauty.

THE STAR.

"WAY DOWN EAST," TO-MORROW.

"Way Down East," the masterful film of Griffith, which packed the Coronet for several days on its recent return visit, will come to the Star to-morrow. The claim is made that this is still Griffith's best picture. The attraction for to-day only is Jack Pickford in "Garrison's Finish," an exciting drama of the Turf. Jack has the part of Billy Garrison, a young jockey whose humiliation at the hands of a gang of racetrack toots, and his subsequent vindication of his character, form the theme of the story.

To the Norfolk and Norwich Kennel Association's Show the King sent five dogs, all Labradors, and won a first prize and a third prize.

East Penwith magistrates have excused 1,016 persons at Camborne Cornwall, from paying rates owing to the depressed state of Cornish mining.

Arrested in the grounds of Cardiff Castle, Charles Edward Blumer Plantagenet told the local magistrates when they remanded him on a drunk and disorderly charge, that he climbed over the walls into the castle grounds in order to establish his claim that he owned the castle and grounds.

MUSSOLINI AT THE PLAY.

EFFORTS TO ESCAPE RECOGNITION.

Signor Mussolini has always been very much interested and fond of drama and theatrical performances in general. Even now he occasionally finds time to go to the theatre at some performance. But since his presence in a theatre would be known the performance would be interrupted by the ovations which follow him everywhere, he is obliged to slip into the theatre well covered by mufflers, with his head bowed, and using as many precautions as possible to avoid recognition. He only becomes his real self again when he has safely entered into a box, at the back of which he hides throughout the evening.

A proof of his interest in the theatrical world was given when Emma Gramatica, one of Italy's really great actresses, received on the occasion of one of her gala nights, a photograph of the Premier with the following dedications: "To Emma Gramatica, actress of shining grace, whom I have long admired in incognito. Benito Mussolini."

As the result of a Court of Enquiry, the Governor in Council has decided to impose a fine of \$300 on the village of Tregent in the county of Cornwall, for the offence of having a public house in that neighbourhood.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An armed robbery occurred in the Chinese business centre last night. No. 26, Chung San Street, East, was entered by four men who had two revolvers between them. They have since shared loot valued at about \$240.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, barrister-at-law, appeared at the Police Court this morning to defend a Chinese merchant named Liu Choy and a fohi by name of Lau Wing, who were charged before Mr. I. R. Wood with possession of 200 teels of opium. His Worship formally remanded the case, and fixed bail in the sum of \$20,000 for the merchant and \$5,000 for the other defendant.

The net profit of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Coy. for the term ended September 30 showed a net profit of Yen 1,246,697.8. The Directors' proposals were as follows:
Legal reserve fund Yen 60,000.00
Dividend (10% per annum) 140,000.00
Director's fees 2,000,000.00
Yen 3,100,000.00

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sergeant A. M. Thornhill has been promoted Company Sergeant Major, to be temporarily in command of the Reserve Company of the Volunteers.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. Sverre Berg to act as Norwegian Consul in Hongkong, has received His Majesty's signature.

Lieut.-Commander Conway Hake R.N.R. has been appointed to act as Harbour Master, Marine Magistrate and Emigration officer until further notice.

MALARIA AND DENGUE.

QUERIES BY DR. KOCH.

At next Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, pursuant to notice, will ask:
(1) Will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly inform this Board whether any supervisory is exercised by officers of the Department over building operations in progress in the Colony?
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Mt. Davis	877
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WILKINSON	
Takemahan	5124
Kowjoo Peak	1971
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Black Pine	785

A Reuter telegram, describing the injuries received by passengers in the "Acquitania" in a rather startlingly graphic manner, mentions the less seriously injured as Gray, the injured "We are" pointed that Mr. W. H. Gray, senior assistant manager, who was duty in the second cabin office, escaped with two scratches, the a very severe pain in the foot.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of Members of THE
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be held in the Board Room of
Messrs. JARDINE MATHESON & Co.,
LTD., Hongkong, on FRIDAY,
the 21st day of December 1923, at 5.15
p.m.

To Receive from the Committee
a Report, Balance Sheet and
Statement of Accounts for the year
ended 30th September 1923

To Elect Officers, Members of the
Committee, and an Auditor for the
ensuing year.

To Decide on any Resolution
which may be submitted to the
Secretary and Treasurer four
days prior to the Meeting.

Any other Business.
By Order of the Committee,
PERCY SMITH, SEYMOUR & FLEMING,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1923.

Nominations for Members of the
General Committee should reach the
Secretary and Treasurer not later
than 5 p.m. on MONDAY, the 17th
December 1923.

MARINE ENGINEERS GUILD OF
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THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
will be held at the Guild Office, Sailors'
Home, West Point, on MONDAY, 17th
December 1923, at 5 o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS.
As per Circulars.
W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary.
Hongkong, December 14, 1923.

NOTICE

MR. W. A. STEPHENS has
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SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE

ANNUAL BALL 1924.

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G. W. BARTON.

Hongkong, December 8, 1923.

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THE FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL

MEETING of Shareholders will

be held at the offices of the Company,

St. George's Building, Chater Road,

Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY,

the 20th December, 1923, at 11

o'clock in the forenoon, for the pur-

pose of receiving a statement of

accounts and the report of the

General Managers for the year ended

30th September, 1923, and electing

a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Com-

pany will be closed from FRIDAY,

the 7th December, 1923, until

THURSDAY, the 20th December,

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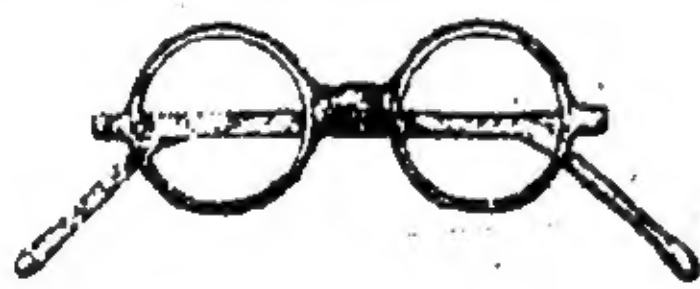
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BIRTH.

BROWN.—At the Government
Civil Hospital, on 15th Decem-
ber, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs.
J. W. Brown, a son.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG SATURDAY, DEC. 16, 1923.

ABOUT READING.

The man or woman in whose heart has arisen the love of reading is something like a baby with his mouth. Everything goes to the baby's mouth; it may be good and suitable food; it may be indigestible stuff and even poisonous, but he grabs at it and puts it in his mouth. He has not learned to discriminate; that will come later. So the young reader simply reads whatever he can lay his hands on. The baby's one test of a thing is whether it is sweet. The young reader's test is generally the same, whether it is interesting. Let us imagine a reader turned loose in a well-stocked public library, free to choose what he will, or better still possessed of a little money that he may use for the purchase of books. Let us start off with a book and need not go to the Public Library for, or purchase, as it would be strange if we do not possess it already. We mean "The Bible." This is not a sermon, and

we are not going to urge the reading of the Bible on religious grounds. But no man's education can possibly be complete without a considerable acquaintance with the best and greatest of all books. It is so woven into the warp and woof of the literature, and art, and music, and general life of the world that multitudes of things are simply meaningless to us without a knowledge of this book. Take, for example, the commonest expressions of our speech. We talk about "talents"; of a man being "a prodigal"; "selling his birthright"; "hiding his light under a bushel"; we call a man "a pharisee"; "a Judas"; or a woman "a Jezebel." The expressions are meaningless to us without some knowledge of the incidents from which they spring. Especially to any who intend to write or speak we would say: read extensively the Bible, its stately language, its pure Anglo-Saxon, its virile expression will help in the formation of style. How much Carlyle, Ruskin, R. L. Stevenson and Kipling, John Bright, and many other of our greatest writers and orators have owed to the Bible!

Most readers begin reading with fiction. The trouble is that some never get any further, but end there. Fiction is to other literature what pastry is to heavier diet: all right for a change, but all wrong for an entire diet. The great value of fiction is that it introduces one to sins, and classes of persons, and phases of society one could never

otherwise know. With Thomas Hardy we dwell for a while with the Wessex rustic; with W. J. Locke we visit the world of Bohemia and art; Arnold Bennett takes us into the life of the Five Towns; Quiller Couch charms with his Cornish characters of a century ago. Read fiction by all means, but let it be the best fiction.

One of the most interesting classes of literature is biography, and nothing can be more delightful or more calculated to give one an insight into the real life of any age than reading biography. We are getting a good deal of biography to-day, or reminiscences, where the writer just takes the reader into his intimate confidence, or chats pleasantly with him about the events of his life. All biography is interesting.

Another fascinating class of literature is travel. Few books are more delightful than a really good book of travel. But it is not everybody who can write a good book. Some writers are so taken up with themselves; they fancy that what they had for dinner at a hotel is more interesting than a description of the place where they sojourned or the people of the land. Of course a good many are very superficial, but that does not matter much if it is well written. A traveller can hardly be expected to write of anything but of the places he passes through. Books of travel soon get out of date. What may be true of a place to-day may need a good deal of revision twenty years hence. It is well therefore to get the most recent works if possible.

It would need an essay to itself to speak of poetry, and it probably needs a poet to write it. But the advantages to be gained from a reading of poetry cannot be too strongly stressed. One other class of literature to be warmly commended is the essay, and all that is catalogued under the title of *Belle-Lettres*. Fine writing it is indeed: no finer to be found in any department of literature. What names occur to the mind: Hazlitt, and Lamb, and Montaigne; Lowell, and Emerson; Ruskin, Stevenson, and Carlyle in a past generation. And in our own day Belloc and Lucas, Birrell and Chesterton, and others: too numerous to mention. The fringe of a great subject has merely been touched, but an indication has been given what it is best to read.

Building Law Grievance.

Full publicity has been accorded in the columns of the *China Mail* to each phase of the developments arising out of the New House Building Law. All shades of opinion will agree that with adequate housing ranking as one of the Colony's most pressing needs, the Bill which will affect millions of dollars of property, should receive the most careful attention of the Government. There was a time when Europeans and European companies owned quite a large percentage of Chinese domestic buildings, but these are now almost entirely in the hands of Chinese owners. While the matter is *sub judice*, it would be futile to discuss the relative merits of the cases as presented by the Government and the owners. That our legislators recognise the question is one of paramount importance is evident from the fact that they have consented to postpone the first reading of the Bill till the Chinese have had time to discuss the matter fully. The grounds for opposition to the intended Ordinance and the history of what took place in previous years is fully set forth in the special article which appears in this issue. Outside of what those who are interested in one capacity or other, have said, we would point out that the Chinese have their own ideas of sanitation. From the layman's point of view, there also arises the argument, which we do not claim is infallible, that if the Colony's sanitation was worse twenty years ago, and a smaller percentage was deemed sufficient, what changes have taken place since to render a bigger portion necessary, in spite of much improved sanitary conditions? Summed up in brief, the position is, with the loss of living space—which undoubtedly will occur—be offset by the advantages to be gained by better sanitation, taking into consideration the present abnormal situation? If the Government did modify or rescind certain similar proposals on two previous occasions, as stated at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce meeting, the first thing to investigate now would be what brought about the decision that

Why did you throw,
Fen Or. Antonio,
The orange at the
man?
"All time he whistles dam fool
song:
"Yes, gotta no banana!"

Dr. Burkett, speak-
ing to the Durham
County Agricultural
Society said that
some recent outbreaks of foot
and mouth disease were intentional.
Any person found in possession
of germs should be sentenced to a
long term of imprisonment.

Cr. Wornouth declared that
Scotland Yard should get to work.
"How the devil!" exclaimed
Watson. "I say, Holmes, how
would you tell that a man in the
street was in possession of a germ?"

"Oh, very simple!" said Holmes,
laughing. "In the case of foot
and mouth disease—I presume that is
your present trouble—I could pick
the guilty party at a glance. The
germ of foot and mouth disease is
small—several millions might be
safely carried about in a beer bottle.
Thus, I would look for a man with
a beer bottle!"

"But," said Watson, "lots of
people carry beer bottles."
"Quite so," Holmes nodded.
"And mostly they dance and sing.
I should look for a man with a beer
bottle, who was neither dancing or
singing—but merely walking along
with a furtive look. It would indicate
that the germs were still in the
bottle!"

In silence Watson passed the
cocaine, grieving that it was not
arsenic.

A husband's
voice is usually
thick when he
is making a thin excuse.

He doesn't like his wife going to
extremes in dress. The less he sees
of her the better he's pleased.

Many a man would never have
possessed a wife if he hadn't lost his
self-possession.

Gabrielle d'An-
nunzio, soldier-
poet of Italy and
defender of Fiume, declines to accept
any further Italian war medals,
according to a Rome telegram.

D'Annunzio asserts that he has
burned all his decorations on the
tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

D'Annunzio, as a spectacular
person, would delight in doing
spectacular things—and this seems
one of them. We note nothing is
said about burning any of his novels.
We have tried several times to
master the motif of one or two of
D'Annunzio's novels, but have
failed miserably. We must buy a
black shirt and try it that way.

He was in reality
Sorrow... damned glad; he told
people he was sorry he
was not more sorry, and here began
the first genuine sorrow, for he was
really sorry that people would not
believe he was sorry that he was not
more sorry.

A good yarn concerns
ERBERT. Sir Herbert Tree,
When the great actor
made his first appearance on the
music-hall stage—it was at the
Palace in 1912—the folk behind the
scenes were very perturbed as to the
exact mode of address to be adopted
towards him. But the call-boy
saved the situation.

Dashing round to the "star's"
dressing-room he banged loudly on
the door.
"Urry up, 'Erbert," he bawled.
"Woodward's seals is nearly
through!"

She drives a
DRIVING REION. horse, she drives
a car.
This subtle little mix,
And with a club she drives after
The golf-ball on the links.
She drives a bargain, drives a nail,
The matrimonial rein
She holds, and go her hubby trail
She nearly drives insane.

Monday—Back to
SEVEN DAYS. work again, oh
A WEEK. Hell!

Tuesday—It may,
perhaps, be just as well.
Wednesday—I don't care 'a
tinker's curse!

Thursday—After all, it could be
worse.
Friday—Tra, la, la! What do
you know?

Saturday—Fanning? Yes, I think
I'll go.
Sunday—Let me sleep, forgetting
sorrow.

The same old dismal round be-
gins to-morrow.

If a mistake
STRICTLY BUSINESS. is made in
an office

some particular man must be made
answerable. The boss isn't particu-
lar nor is he answerable.

Younger men are always waiting
to fill their seniors' shoes; that's
why seniors are so tight laced.

The only profit gained by one side
in a business deal may be "profit by
experience."

Balemen should be good judges
of bad judges.

The expansion of a retail business
is usually caused by inflated prices.
Excuses for the high price of
foodstuffs prove necessities to be the
mother of invention.
A shareholder cannot control the
directors; in many cases he's lucky
if he can control himself.

Today's Poem.

(War.)
Ez for war, I call it murder,
There you hev it plain an' flat;
I don't want to go no furdur
Than my Testimony fer that;
God hez sed so plump an' fairly,
It's ez long ez it is broad,
An' you've gut to git up airy
Ef you want to take in God.

—LOWELL.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

DECEMBER 16.

1675. The weather is mild and dry;
I stayed out far into the twi-
light; for to-day no troops
were marching past; when
they are at Vitre, I am
obliged reluctantly to with-
draw an hour earlier.
Madame de Sevigne.

PHILOSOPHY.

Philosophy, like medicine has an
immense number of drugs, very few
good remedies, and hardly one that
is specific.
—CHAMFORT (1741-1794).

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 15.—Coronet Theatre;
Jackie Cogan in "Trouble".
December 15.—Star Theatre;
Jack Pickford in Garrison's
Fish.

December 15.—World Theatre;
Priscilla Dean in "The Flame of
Life".

December 15.—The Grand
Theatre; Macklin Arbuckle in
"The Prodigal Judge".

December 15.—Theatre Royal;
Dramatic Club presents the famous
Robot Play the "R.U.R."

December 19.—Theatre Royal;
Italian Grand Opera in "Carmen".

December 20.—Theatre Royal;
Italian Grand Opera in "Madam
Butterfly".

SOCIAL.

December 15.—Dance at Peak
Club.

December 15.—Dancing in Palace
Hotel, 9.15 p.m.

December 18.—Hongkong
Philharmonic Society, Grand Con-
cert, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at
Peak Club, 15 p.m.

LAND SALES.

December 17.—At P.W.D.
Offices, two lots of Crown Land,
3 p.m.

AUCTION.

December 20.—Lammert Bros.,
at Sales Rooms, a selection of toys,
2.30 p.m.

December 17.—Lammert Bros.,
at Sales Rooms, household
furniture, 2.30 p.m.

December 21.—Lammert Bros.,
property, machinery plant and
tanning chemicals of the Hong-
kong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd.,
at Sales Rooms, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

December 18 and January 4.—
Extraordinary general meeting of
the Kowloon Land and Building
Company, Limited, at 5, Queen's
Road Central, Noon.

December 20.—Fifth ordinary
meeting of the China Light Power
Co. (1918) Ltd., at St. George's
Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.

December 17.—Marine Engi-
neers' Guild monthly meeting, at
Guild Office, Sailor's Home, West
Point, 5 p.m.

December 21.—Annual general
meeting of Royal H.K. Golf Club,
at Jardine Matheson's, 5.15 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting up time to-day and
to-morrow (Sunday) is 5.41 p.m.

The final performance of
R.U.R. takes place this evening at
9.15.

The Volunteers' annual camp
is to take place on two week-ends
between 11th and 24th January at
Lowe.

An interesting article dealing
with the proposed new Building
Law will be found in this issue of
the *China Mail*.

The Christian organizations of
Kwangtung are stated to have
addressed petitions to Dr. Sun Yat-
sen and General Chen Chung-
ming, urging them to come to a
peace agreement. They suggest
that Mr. Tang Shao-yi and Mr.
Liang Shih-yi, former Premiers, be
invited to act as mediators.

NEW BUILDING LAW.

PROPERTY OWNERS' PROTESTS.

FORMER PETITIONS.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS.

Some decidedly strong opinions are held by local Chinese house
owners regarding the bill to amend the Public Health and Buildings
Ordinance 1903, which was down for its first reading at Thursday's
Council meeting, but was postponed on the representations of the two
Chinese members.

The *China Mail* first gave publicity to the dissatisfaction expressed.
On Monday we gave the replies of the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Director
of Public Works, to a series of questions based on the views expressed
by a Chinese gentleman.

Among those who were outspoken in their comment on the Bill, at
the extraordinary meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce on
Tuesday, were the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun, who described the intend-
ed legislation as unfair, Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. Ho Kwong, all of them
having taken a leading part in public affairs. At this meeting, it was
stated that the question not only concerned house-owners, but was of
vital importance to tenants. However, the assertion that the latter also
resented the proposed changes, has not been confirmed by inquiries,
which have tended to show that few of the middle and lower
classes of Chinese have any enthusiasm for public discussions.

Briefly, the Government's proposal is that in domestic buildings
built or re-erected after December 31, 1923, an open space equal in area
to not less than one half the roofed-over area, shall be provided, and
that scavenging lane must also be provided by the owner without
compensation. The owners' main objections are to the proposed in-
creased open space and the stipulation that no compensation will be
paid. Another contention which arises out of the main issues is that
scavenging lanes at the back of houses should be reckoned as part of
the open space and not be deducted over and above the open space or
backyard.

CHINESE OWNERS' CASE.

What has been given out since
the publication in the *Gazette* has
already been given in the *China
Mail*. With a view to ascertaining
the reasons for opposition to the
Bill, Mr. Ho Kwong was asked to
state what he thought to be the
Chinese owners' case.

Emphasising that the Bill, if
made law, would not seriously
affect him personally, Mr. Ho ex-
plained that his attitude was as one
of the public. He pointed out that
at present, one third of the area
was left as open space including
in many cases, the scavenging
lane. The proposal now is that an
area equal to one-half the roofed-
over area, is to be allocated to open
space, in addition to cutting off six
feet for the back lane. Mr. Ho
contended that when owners
bought their land, there was no
stipulation that such a large pro-
portion would have to be left open
and that when, in course of time
houses had to be re-built, the actual
area for living would be seriously
reduced. Here Mr. Ho pointed out
that in the case of "new" land
there would be no dissatisfaction
as purchasers would be aware of the
conditions required. Mr. Ho also
added that houses which stood on
land extending fairly deep, the in-
creased allocation would still per-
mit of reasonable living accommo-
dation. Another point was that the
present housing shortage would be
greatly accentuated by reducing the
floor area available for living pur-
poses. Of foremost importance was
the clause relating to compensa-
tion. Mr. Ho's view is that the
Government believing the scheme
to be good "for reasons of public
health," to quote the Bill, should
pay compensation. As for the
scavenging lane, Mr. Ho said that
as it was not under cover, it should
be reckoned as part of the open
space.

SLUM AREAS.

Regarding Mr. Cressy's replies,
Mr. Ho Kwong said that his re-
ference to slum areas was not
understood as the Bill covered the
whole Colony. If the benefits
which the D.F.W. claimed would
accrue from taking away portions
of the owners' land, the Govern-
ment should pay for them; by this
Mr. Ho meant compensation,
which would be decided
by independent arbitrators. Not
only would slum areas be in-
cluded but whole blocks of ordi-
nary business houses would come
under the Ordinance. In Mr. Ho's
opinion, the new clauses would not
affect the stringency of accommo-
dation "slightly" as stated by
Mr. Cressy, but "very considerably"
as on an average, each flat
would be deprived of at least one
living room when the house came to
be re-erected. As to Mr. Cressy's
claim that investors would not be
driven away and on the contrary
the improvement in certain local-
ities would attract capital and add
to its value, Mr. Ho said that if
floor space was decreased, the only
way to make up for it would be to
raise the rents (per square foot of
living space) in the ratio of the
additional percentage taken away.

Abnormal rents would be paid in
abnormal times but when normal
conditions prevailed, people would
pay less rent (per square foot) for
living space and the return on out-
lay would be reduced, thereby
driving away prospective buyers.

Finally, Mr. Ho referred to Mr.
Cressy's last reply in which he
confirmed the statement that living
accommodation has been recently
increased by the re-erection. In
many places, of higher buildings
in place of old two-storey houses.
Mr. Ho said that any additional
space gained thereby was offset by
the increase in the population.

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A copy of some "Remarks on the
proposed New Building Ordinance
No. 5, March 11, 1902," addressed
to the Hon. Mr. J. H. Stewart Lock-
hart, C.M.G., the then Colonial
Secretary, by Wm. Danby,
Denison, Ram and Gibbs, Leigh
and Orange, and Palmer and
Turner, has been handed to
the *China Mail*. The following
paragraphs throw some light on a
similar position twenty years
ago:

"We are exceedingly sorry to
note that no reference is made in
the Ordinance to the important
question of compensation, to pro-
perty owners, for losses which will
be undoubtedly entailed on them
by this Ordinance even amended
as suggested by us.

"It must be remembered that all
the existing houses in the Colony
are legal or presumed to be so;
should some of them not be so, then
it must be the fault or oversight of
some Government official. All the
existing Public Streets and Crown
Lots were originally laid out by
the Government, whom we all
venture to say with all re-
spect are the culprits for the
present state of things, and not
the property owners who have only
exercised their just rights. Had
this matter of compensation been
provided for in previous Ordi-
nances, we have no hesitation in
stating that there would practically
have been little or no opposition
to them. This new Ordinance is in
our opinion an excellent one, and
with the modifications in it as
suggested hereinbefore, we should
be very glad to see it passed. How-
ever, we venture to say, with all
respect, it would be an injustice in
its present form to existing prop-
erty owners, and further, we have
no hesitation in stating that if such
an Ordinance were presented be-
fore any Private Bill Committee
(Lord or Commons) in the Houses
of Parliament, by any Municipal
Body or Local Government au-
thority, it would be thrown out
simply on account of the absence
of any Compensation Clauses.

"The owners of property in this
Colony, in our opinion, are justly
entitled to be placed in identically
the same position as property
owners are at home, and in the
large self-governing Colonies, in
all of which the property owner is
entitled to compensation for any
alterations he may have had to
make to his premises (whether for
Sanitary purposes or otherwise) by
the order of the Local Authority,
or for the widening of his yards or
Private Streets, the removal of
erections over arches or passage
ways, or the setting back of his
new street, original building line,
or frontage in the case of the
widening of public streets, or the
rebuilding of his premises. This
being the case at home and other
places, we certainly fail to see
why similar conditions cannot
obtain in this Colony."

FORMER PETITION.

SOME INTERESTING EXTRACTS.

Mr. S. C. Pank (Pang Shu-hang),
managing director of Messrs.
Gand, Price & Co., Ltd., sends the
China Mail the following interest-
ing letter:—

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Dear Sir,—In your issue of
December 11, I noticed some in-
teresting discussions at the Chinese
General Chamber of Commerce on
the subject of the proposed amend-
ments to the Ordinance 1903 as
published in the *Government
Gazette* of November 20.

To further elucidate the subject,
I trust I am not out of order in quot-
ing the following extracts of a peti-
tion presented by the Chinese com-
munity to the Sanitary Commission
in November 1906, which was then
appointed by H.E. The Governor
to enquire into the working of the
said Ordinance.

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NEW BUILDING LAW.

(Continued from page 4.)

It can hardly be denied that the existing Ordinance is the most arbitrary and objectionable enactment that has ever been passed in the Colony, and it is the hope of the Public Health Act 1875, the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890, and the London Building Act 1894 will show. While purporting for its principal object to improve the general sanitary condition of the Colony, it disturbs the vested interests of property owners without proper compensation, and without due regard for the manners, custom and usage of the Chinese inhabitants.

Take for instance, the law governing open spaces. In November 1899, Ordinance No. 34 of 1899 was passed for the first time requiring open spaces to be provided in the rear of existing buildings upon re-erection, without differentiating whether the open spaces were on Crown land or on the owners' property. That Ordinance was soon repealed in March 1901 by Ordinance No. 13 of 1901 with the additional limitation that these open spaces were to be provided by the owner. In the same year, the latter Ordinance was amended by Ordinance No. 23 of 1901. Finally in February 1903, the amended Ordinance was again repealed by the existing Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, under which land owners are compelled, out of all proportion to the old limits, to sacrifice one-third of the roofed area for open spaces on re-erection of existing buildings and without provision being made for adequate compensation. Thus since the law on open spaces in existing buildings was first introduced in 1899, it has thrice been altered.

OPEN SPACES.

Section 176. According to section 51 of Ordinance No. 13 of 1901, an intervening space of 4 feet was then considered sufficient. The existing section enacted only 23 months thereafter has doubled the space required. We submit it should only apply to new buildings on land leased from the Crown, after the passing of the Ordinance, and not to existing sites, otherwise compensation should be given to land owners, as in many cases, it will be impossible to re-erect a house at all on existing sites, and in other cases it will reduce the dimensions of the building to such an extent as to render it practically useless.

Section 180—Ordinance No. 34 of 1899, section 8 provided as follows:—

(a) "Every domestic building hereafter erected in the Colony (except in cases provided for by section 66 of the Public Health Ordinance, 1887, or coming within the terms of Articles of Agreement under the Proya Reclamation Ordinance, 1889) shall be provided with an open space in the rear in accordance with the following scale:—

Houses not exceeding 40 feet in depth for each foot of width.....	8 square feet
Houses exceeding 40 feet but not exceeding 50 feet in depth for each foot of width.....	10 square feet
Houses exceeding 50 feet but not exceeding 60 feet in depth for each foot of width.....	12 square feet
Houses exceeding 60 feet in depth for each foot of width.....	14 square feet

Provided always that when the owners of a block of buildings agree to make a lane and do make a lane opening at both ends upon a public thoroughfare and free from obstruction throughout both vertically and horizontally, the foregoing requirements shall be modified as follows:—

Houses not exceeding 40 feet in depth; a lane not less than.....	6 feet wide
Houses exceeding 40 feet but not exceeding 50 feet in depth; a lane not less than.....	8 feet wide
Houses exceeding 50 feet but not exceeding 60 feet in depth; a lane not less than.....	11 feet wide
Houses exceeding 60 feet in depth; a lane not less than.....	13 feet wide

(2) In computing the depth of this section the depth of the kitchen shall be included in the computation of such depth in every case except when such kitchen is separated from the principal room or rooms of such building by an open backyard of at least 6 feet in depth extending the entire width of the back of such building and unobstructed except by a bridge on each floor not more than 3 feet 6 inches wide.

The present section, however, requires an open space equal in area to one-third of the roofed area of a building, and in addition to such an open space, a public scavenging lane of not less than 6 feet wide must be provided in the rear of such building by the owner. It is inconceivable that conditions

TO-MORROW'S FETE.

"A SPLENDID EVENING'S FUN."

To-morrow the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold its 40th Annual Al Fresco Fete in the Compound of the Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road. This year's Fete, which is under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, marks the 40th anniversary of the Society's establishment in Hongkong. A special effort is, therefore, being made to make it a record success. Over 12,000 toys and other articles have been specially imported from Europe and America, and it is expected that the various stalls will present an even more attractive appearance than in former years.

Among the stalls and side-shows will be the favourite Ten-cent Stall, well stocked as in former years with everything for the youngsters; the American Stall, displaying a splendid collection of valuable articles; the Kids' Raffle Stall where, at 30 cents a ticket, fond parents will be able to secure a chance of winning one of a fine collection of large toy motor-cars, fire-engines, etc., big enough for boys of 10 or 12 years, and fitted out as almost exact replicas of the genuine articles. Close to this will be the ever popular Post-card Stall, and, on the other side, the Christmas Bazaar or Sale Stall, at which a fine assortment of hundreds of toys will be disposed of at prices which will certainly appeal to all. Another attractive stall will be that at which a large number of nicely decorated Christmas trees of various sizes will be on sale. Next to this will be a Candy Stall, laden with a choice assortment of "candies" specially imported from America. Further on will be the stall of the Gremio Social, where a fine display of knitted goods and other useful articles will be on sale. Then we shall come to the large Christmas Tree, heavily laden with prizes for the little ones; the Fishing Pond; the Bran Tub; the Shooting Gallery, and other attractions. On a special stand, facing the entrance, the motor-car, piano-player, motor-cycle, and the many other prizes in the Grand Charity Draw, will be displayed. Here also will be the platform on which will stand the big drum—kindly loaned to the Society by Mr. U. Rummah—from which, at 10.30 p.m., will be drawn the lucky winning numbers. There will be a Tea Room, conducted by a number of lady helpers; also a Refreshment Room for those who do not "hold with" Pussyfoot.

The grounds will be open in the afternoon from 2.30 to 6 p.m., when certain stalls will be open and amusements specially suitable for children will be provided. The Fete proper, however, begins at 8.30 p.m., when the grounds will be brilliantly illuminated. By kind permission of Major R. C. Campbell and the officers the Band of the East Surrey Regiment will play both in the afternoon and evening.

The Star Ferry Co. is very kindly providing a special late ferry for Kowloon, which will leave Hongkong at 12.30 p.m. The Peak Tramway Co. have also arranged to run a late car at 12.45 a.m. A splendid evening's fun is promised, and visitors to the Fete will, at this Christmas season, have the additional pleasure of knowing that every dollar spent is a contribution towards the splendid work of charity which the Society is doing in the relief of the poor of this Colony and the education of their children.

A reference in the Canton Gazette to the British Empire Exhibition says: "So far no exhibits have been sent from Canton, this being due to the fact that, though the Civil Government has granted exemption from taxes to all goods sent to the Exhibition, the Customs Commissioner has refused to waive the export levy because, it is stated, he has received no instructions from the Peking Government. The Chinese Chamber will write to the Commissioner of Customs asking for his co-operation, and it is expected the difficulty will soon be overcome."

should have altered to such an extent in so short a space of time as to necessitate a further increase of open space. Section 8 of Ordinance 34 of 1899 should be re-instated in lieu of the existing law, and with full compensation to owners for any land to be sacrificed, and not for the scavenging lane alone, as is the case under the existing law. The permission to build a one-storied kitchen etc. does not compensate for the sacrifice in any degree as every floor in the Chinese tenement houses must be furnished with a kitchen.

The above extracts speak for themselves and were then absolutely the views of the Chinese Community. Apologising for taking up so much of your valuable space Yours faithfully, PANG SIU-HANG, Hongkong, December 13, 1923.

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

Mr. Reginald Hugh Crawford, of the Mersey Harbour Board, has been appointed Assistant General Manager to the Singapore Harbour Commissioners. Mr. Crawford will sail from Liverpool on December 22nd aboard the Holt liner "Phenius."

The Chinese Press gives prominence to the possibility of warfare between Chekiang and Kiangsu and Fuhien.

The Diplomatic Body's reply in regard to the threatened seizure of the Customs at Canton has been handed over to Sun Yat-sen by the senior Consul at Canton.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The new pier opposite the Queen's Statue is to be called Queen's Pier, according to a notification in the Government Gazette.

The ship shipped per s.s. "Pres. Madison," which sailed from this port November 18th 10.00 a.m., arrived in New York on December 12th, 10.00 a.m., having been 24 calendar days in transit.

During the voyage from Singapore to Hongkong, there were two births on board the s.s. "Van Overstraten." The vessel had 23 cabin passengers and 1,500 deck passengers. The births occurred amongst the deck passengers.

The Socialist Government in Saxony has resigned and the Democratic party has withdrawn its support owing to the Socialists' refusal to join in a vote of non-confidence in Herr Liebmann, Minister of the Interior.

The China Mail acknowledges the following calendars for 1924: The Blue Funnel Line, Ye Olde Printerie, and Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., (desk calendar). All these calendars reflect the thought and taste which has been expended on them and should prove a source of usefulness throughout the coming year.

In the presence of a numerous gathering at Verdun Gardens, Shanghai, last week, M. Wilden, the Consul-General for France, inaugurated the building of the new Cercle Sportif by cutting the first sod. Twenty years ago, as was recalled by M. Fano, President of the Club, the Cercle Sportif comprised a small group of about 100 residents. The Club is now one of Shanghai's most popular social centres, and a great future for it seems assured.

TO-DAY'S

ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

GRAND CHARITY DRAW SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 16th December, 1923.

THE Committee hereby give notice that the following tickets, which have either been reported lost or have not been paid for, are cancelled:—

1703; 1733; 1740; 1742; 1866; 1881; 2110; 3550; 3631; 4615; 2655; 2658.

NOTIFICATION.

THE OFFICES AND STATIONS of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 23rd December (Winter Solstice), on the 25th and 26th December (CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS), and on the 1st and 2nd January, 1924 (NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS).

R. H. R. WADE, Commissioner of Chinese Customs Kowloon & District, York Buildings, Hongkong, December 14, 1923.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

XMAS COMPETITIONS AT FANLING.

ATTENTION OF MEMBERS is drawn to the Special Medal Round for Men on the Old Course, on SUNDAY 23rd December, 1923 in aid of the Funds of the Order of St. John and British Red Cross Societies. Entrance Free \$1.00. Prize for the Winner presented by the above Societies. It is hoped as many members as possible will enter this Competition. PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING, Secretaries & Treasurers, Hongkong, 16th December, 1923.

YOUTHFUL CURIOSITY.

STONES ON PEAK TRAM LINE.

Three heaps of sand were found on that part of the Peak Tramway between Kennedy Road and Macdonnell Road yesterday, after one of the trams had passed. In consequence, a Chinese boy who gave his age as 16 years, was arrested as having placed stones on the line.

The case came before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning when Mr. H. C. Macnamara prosecuted on behalf of the Peak Tramway Co. One of the company's inspectors gave evidence and said that he believed that the heaps of sand might have been the result of stones placed on the line, and crushed by a tram passing over them.

Mr. Macnamara pointed out that serious damage might have been caused by what was probably youthful curiosity to ascertain what would become of the stones when a tram passed over them. His Worship recorded a sentence of ten strokes of the birch.

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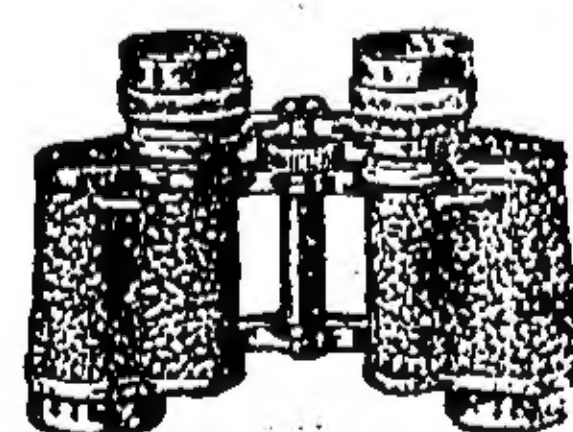
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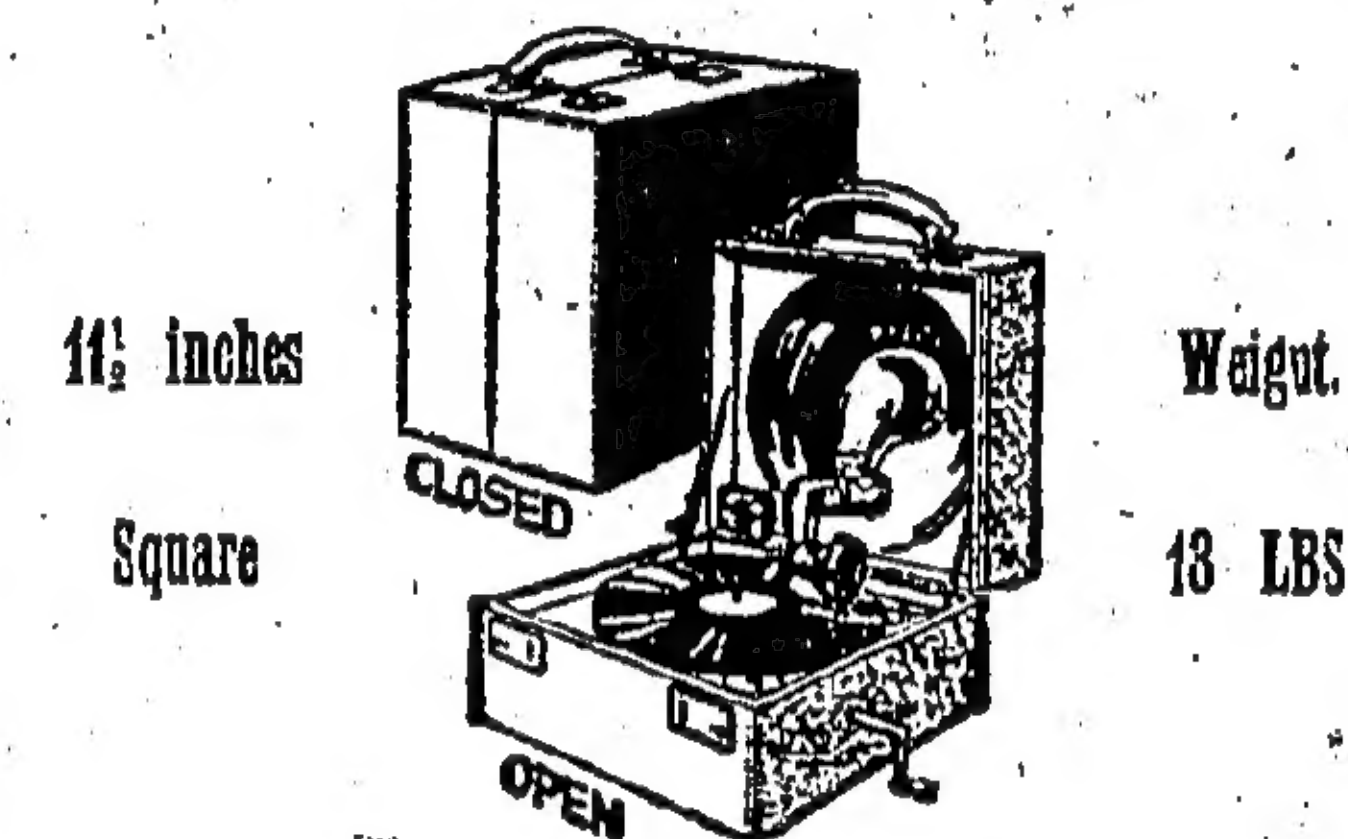
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WORLD SUPPLY CO.

ALLEN'S PORTABLE BATH.

Cleanliness is next to godliness—even in the cool weather. In the warm and hot it is an absolute necessity. The World Supply Co. enable us to be as we should all be year round by means of a contrivance which is as simple as it is effective. This is nothing less than Allen's Portable Bath apparatus for which they are agents. The thing is for children as well as for grown-ups. It has the merit of being made to be taken to pieces in a few minutes, and being put together in a moment of time. It is a cleansing friction, a massage and a shower all in one. Where under ordinary conditions there is no continuous stream of water to cleanse, the Portable Bath apparatus does the trick. The flow of water is continuous—it is fresh, and the body is bathed with streams which are not already contaminated. To tired tennis-players, weary footballers, who need that rub which induces a glow, the Portable is just the thing. Households, where time is almost everything, surely need one of Allen's apparatus. Its advantages are obvious, and as an alluring and original Christmas, it is most striking. Let the name and make a point of seeing one—Allen's Portable Bath apparatus.

ART OF JAPAN.

MAISON UNO'S WARES.

It is a strange fact that whilst we sojourn on the borders of China, that whilst our homes bear evidences of our acquisitive proclivities in acquiring the things that are Chinese, we also, invariably add to them examples of the Art of Japan. It may be a delicate atmospheric picture; a bronze Buddha; an ivory carving; a temple lantern—anything of the numberless things of beauty it is possible to obtain, our home is not complete without one or more examples of the delicate artistic work of the Japanese, for in things artistic the Japanese are the equal of most races. The Maison Uno are in the position to supply just the very thing needed either to make an acceptable present, for a friend or relative, or that thing we have been hankering after so long, to fill this or that niche and to round off the pleasing appearance of the place where, after all we spend most of our time. Whatever is wanted, this enterprising firm is able to supply. If it is a picture, or a print, a

THE FLOWING BOWL.

MESSRS. GANDE PRICE &
CO.'S SPECIALTIES.

Nearly everyone permits himself a little indulgence at the Yuletide season in the matter of "wine that maketh glad the heart of man." The stocking of the cellar indeed ranks high in importance amongst the Christmas activities and in this regard Hongkong residents are fortunate in having the readily given advice and assistance of so experienced a firm as Messrs. Gande Price & Co., of Queen's Road Central.

Gerrard's 1900 brandy, famous throughout the world and eminently suitable for putting the finishing touch on the Christmas pudding and choice parts and sherries are among their specialties. They are also agents for John Haig's "Gold Label" whisky, one of the finest blends stocked and the direct successor of the popular "Haig and Haig" brand. A new English beer, the "Royal" brand, bottled by the Palatine Company of Manchester has arrived just in time for the festive season and one taste of it will convince the connoisseur that here at last is the ideal table beverage. The "hops" are most distinctly there without that "soapy" taste which most beers imported into the Far East seem to take on. The firm have also just been appointed agents for the well known Lisbon red and white wines.

Christmas hampers are always a specially important feature of Messrs. Gande Price & Co.'s Christmas trade. Ranging from \$35 downwards they can be made up to suit all requirements—and this is a tip worth knowing—the price per bottle works out at far below the ordinary rates. The reason of this is that the hamper system has been introduced simply as a convenience for customers—it may be taken as Messrs. Gande Price & Co.'s Yuletide expression of goodwill to their very wide circle of patrons.

carving or a bronze, a tea set in egg-shell china, or a figure in ivory, it can be supplied. Perhaps a mechanical toy is wanted for a very youthful person—Uno's provide it. Here again, an inspection is cordially invited, when the goods may be examined and their merit noted. Yes! for Japanese curios, or specimens of Japanese Art, Uno's are the people. We know, and we want you to know that Uno's sell the things which matter.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

MESSRS. H. RUTTONJEE
AND SON.

The name of Messrs. H. Ruttonjee and Son is a household word in Hongkong as this firm has provided many of its needs in the way of Wines and Spirits for a number of years past. They hold sole agencies for a good many breweries, distilleries and wine producers in Great Britain and on the Continent namely: Messrs. Peter Dawson Whisky, Messrs. Pol Roger Champagne, Messrs. Dixon Double Diamond Port, Messrs. Seagrams Gln, Messrs. Bardinets Liqueurs. Besides importing high grade Wines and Spirits in cases, they do a large amount of bottling themselves, this being done by modern up-to-date machinery, ensuring as good and perfect a work as done by home bottlers.

Those wishing to lay in a supply of wines and spirits for the festive season should visit Messrs. Ruttonjee's Store at No. 16, Queen's Road Central where they can rest assured that their wants will be supplied to their entire satisfaction.

A VARIED CHOICE.

MESSRS. GRACA & CO'S
OFFERING.

A quaintly assorted though useful profusion of goods, from which a host of suitable Yuletide souvenirs may easily be selected, fills the little shop which Messrs. Graca & Co. occupy half way up Flower Street, not far from the China Mail office. For the greater part of the year Messrs. Graca & Company combine the sale of garden seeds with a flourishing trade in postage stamps but now toys and Christmas novelties of all sort are decorating the windows and trying unkindly to postle the more prosaic pockets of embryonic broccoli out of the lime-light and to obscure the philatelic glories which lurk in the back-ground.

There is a wide and attractive choice of toys and novelties and, in the domain of the useful, there is a big assortment of postcards as well as stamp albums (with stamps already in them) with which a young philatelist may be sent happily on his way. A gift of garden seeds even might perhaps not be despised by some budding student of horticulture.

AT "WATSONS."

SOME USEFUL GIFTS.

Perhaps nowhere is there a better choice of Xmas presents which combine use with ornament than at the establishment of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd. What fair heart would not be won with the gift of an elegant bottle of "Roger and Gallet" perfume, a manicure set or a perfume spray?

The vexed question of what to give "him" can easily be settled by an inspection of Messrs. Watson & Co.'s stock of male requirements. Safety razors and shaving gear, hair brushes, thermos flasks for the hot "to-day" these cold nights, suggests themselves as Yuletide souvenirs certain to prove acceptable to menfolk and, apart from these there is a very fine choice of small beginnings, the Dragon is a concern of business. Go to the depot in Des Vaux Road and note the number of the cars, their equipment, and the guidance and attention which is given to everything. Journey to Happy Valley and see a modern and up-to-date garage that has nothing mean about it, where your cycle and your car can be housed and overhauled by experts; where the latest made of machines for which the Dragon Co. are agents can be shown and demonstrated to you—for they not only hire out cars, but they also sell them—famous makes whose names are evidence of quality. A satisfied client is the best advertisement that any organization can possess, and we imagine that the reason for the longevity of the Dragon Co. is to be found that it has satisfied its clients, is doing so, and is prepared to go on doing so.

A toothsome assortment of confectionery and chocolate makes a tempting display in Messrs. Watson & Co.'s windows and householders will find it useful to consult the firm when it comes to the question of stocking the cellar for the festive season. Messrs. Watson & Co. are prepared to put up to order cases containing assorted wines and spirits and they also furnish neat three-bottle hampers. In the matter of aerated waters the name of "Watsons" is of course a household word.

GOOD CHEER.

DAIRY FARM'S CHOICE
STOCKS.

To speak of the Dairy Farm is to conjure up a vision of an organization that is a fixture in the life of the Colony—deep rooted, efficient, and bearing an honoured name for the quality of its products and its supplies. It is not a flight of the imagination to say that the Dairy Farm Co. is represented daily in the homes of residents at every meal. Think of breakfast with say members of bacon, fresh eggs, and of course pure milk. Tiffin with whatever takes the fancy from pork pies to fresh sausages. Dinner with joints, chickens, etc., and without the help of the Dairy Farm one wonders what would happen. The care which the Company takes to see that its supplies are of the best and its own products pure is well known. Out at Pokfulam, cleanliness is personified; nothing is left to chance and the result is contentment in many homes. At Christmas the necessity of the Dairy Farm is more than evidenced. No gathering at the festive time is complete without its relays of turkey, goose or chicken—the more popular food-stuffs at this time. The Dairy Farm is in a position to meet any and every call made upon it, and its name alone is all sufficient for the nature of its supplies. We imagine many a house wife rests content in the knowledge of the Dairy Farm. "The Dairy Farm's there, all's right with my world" and the season of joy, with its hurried tasks, is faced with equanimity. No place we imagine will be more thoroughly than the premises of the Dairy Farm and no one will be more satisfied than those whose wont it is to place their confidence in its beneficent powers.

MOTORING.

THE DRAGON GARAGE.

The pioneers, if we mistake not, in the motor industry in this Colony, were the Dragon Motor Car Co. We remember the store in Des Vaux Road years ago and the consideration shown us in certain directions by Mr. Lauritsen. Many things have happened since then; many tyres have worn themselves in shreds; many syrons have been footed; the motor car and cycle has evolved until to-day we know them for the wonderful and efficient things they are. During all this time, the Dragon Co. has kept pace with the times. Now conditions were promptly met; the advance in the industry was noted and Hongkong kept in the forefront of things. Even a pioneer establishment of small beginnings, the Dragon is a concern of business. Go to the depot in Des Vaux Road and note the number of the cars, their equipment, and the guidance and attention which is given to everything. Journey to Happy Valley and see a modern and up-to-date garage that has nothing mean about it, where your cycle and your car can be housed and overhauled by experts; where the latest made of machines for which the Dragon Co. are agents can be shown and demonstrated to you—for they not only hire out cars, but they also sell them—famous makes whose names are evidence of quality. A satisfied client is the best advertisement that any organization can possess, and we imagine that the reason for the longevity of the Dragon Co. is to be found that it has satisfied its clients, is doing so, and is prepared to go on doing so.

XMAS GIFTS.

CHOOSING A CAMERA.

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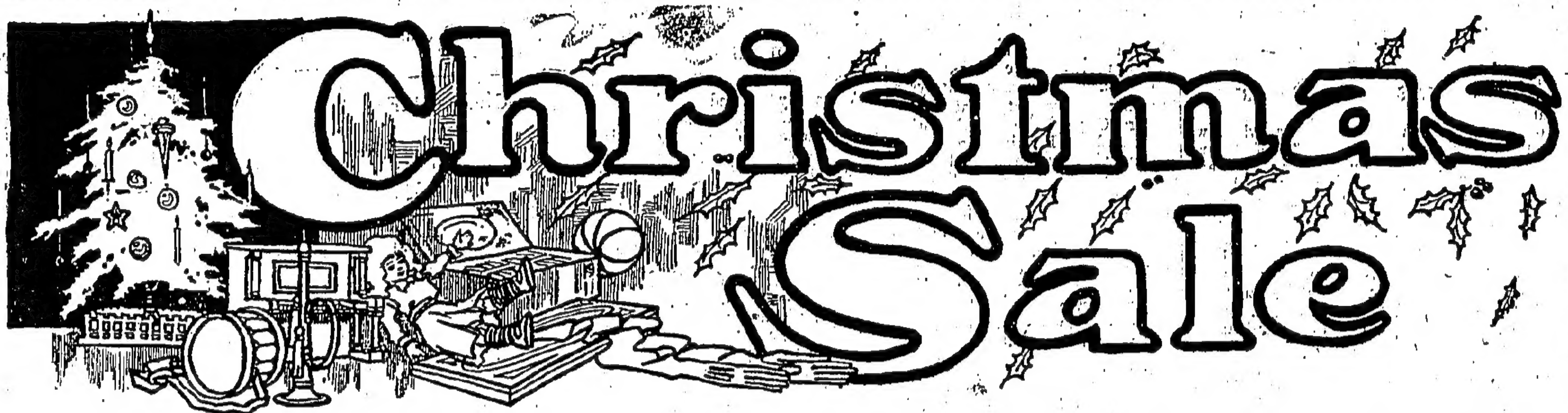
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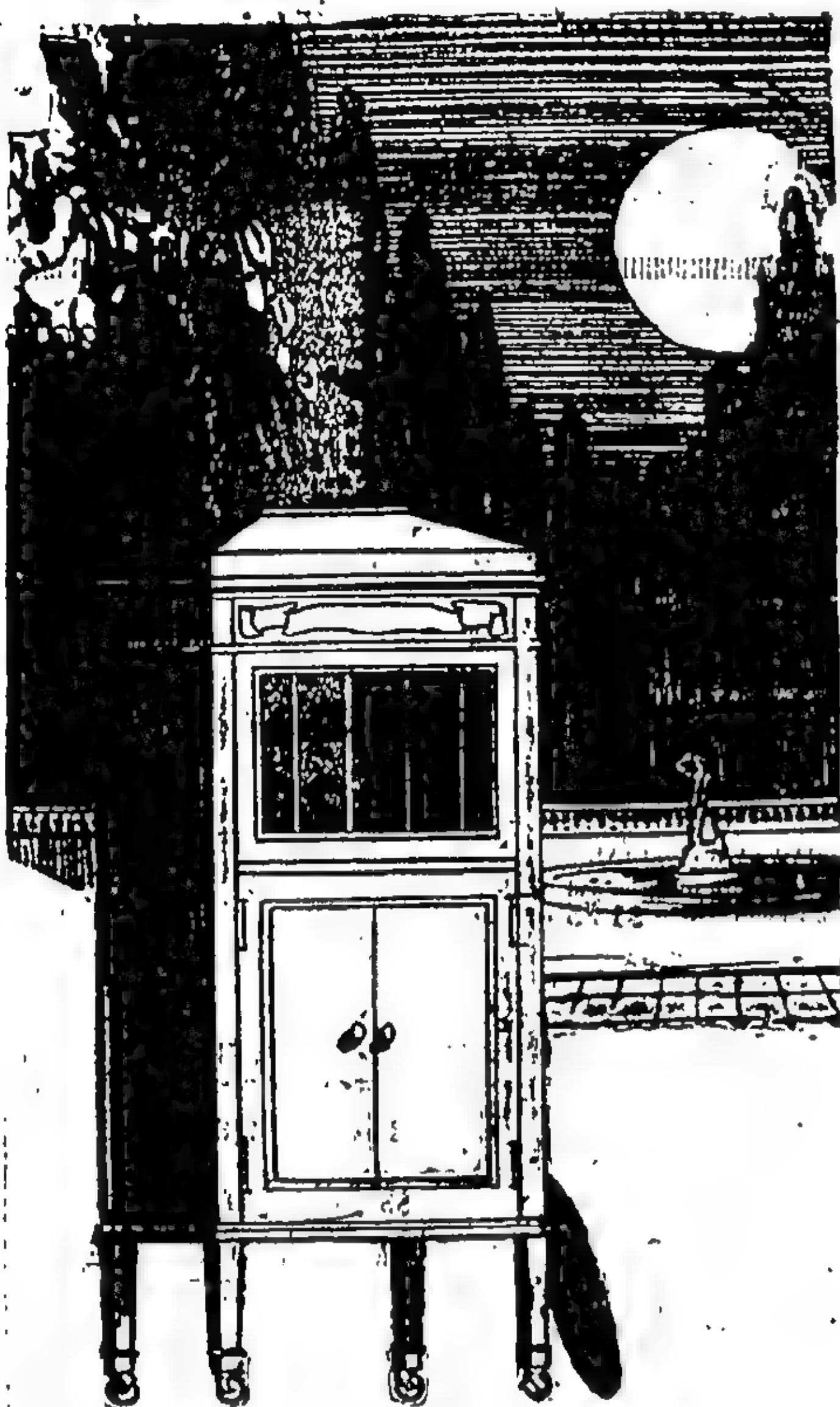
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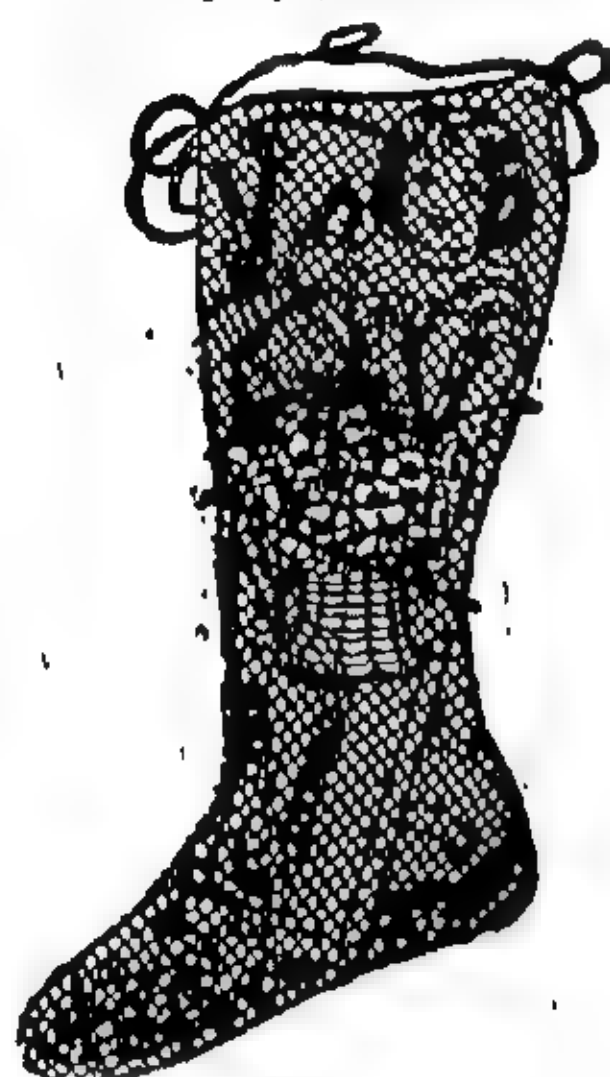
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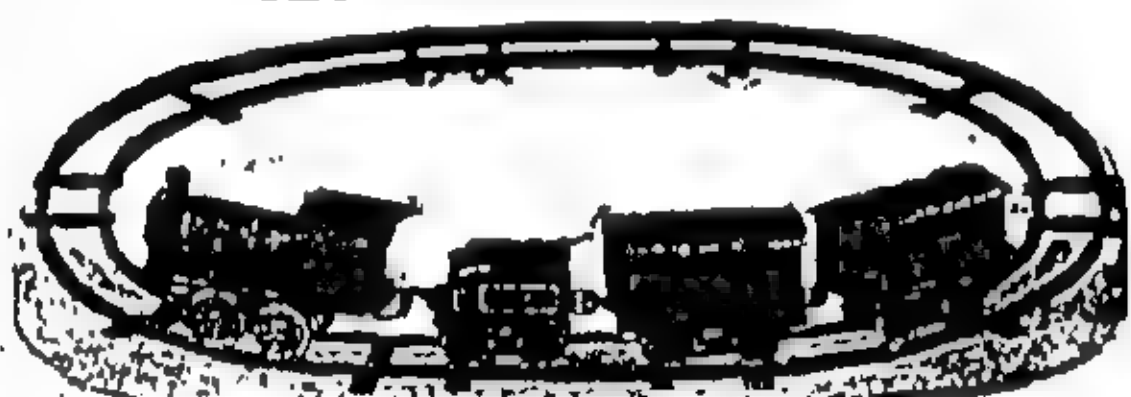


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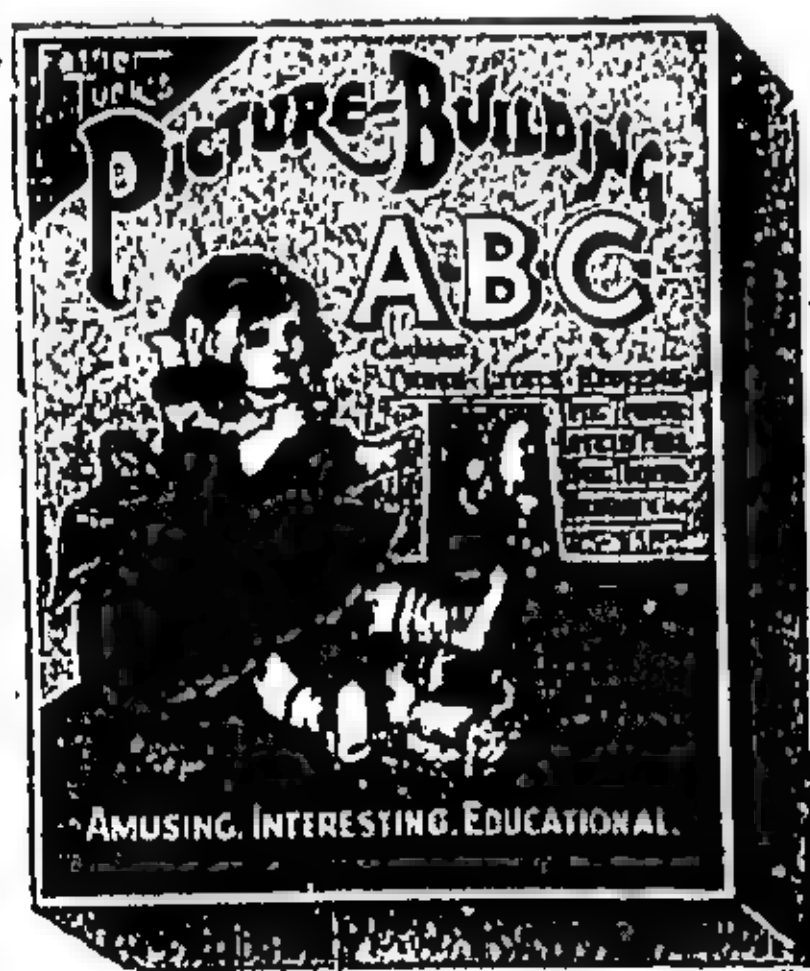
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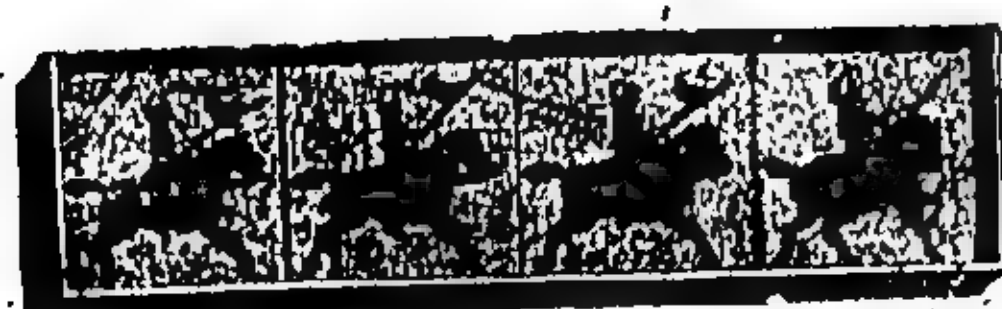
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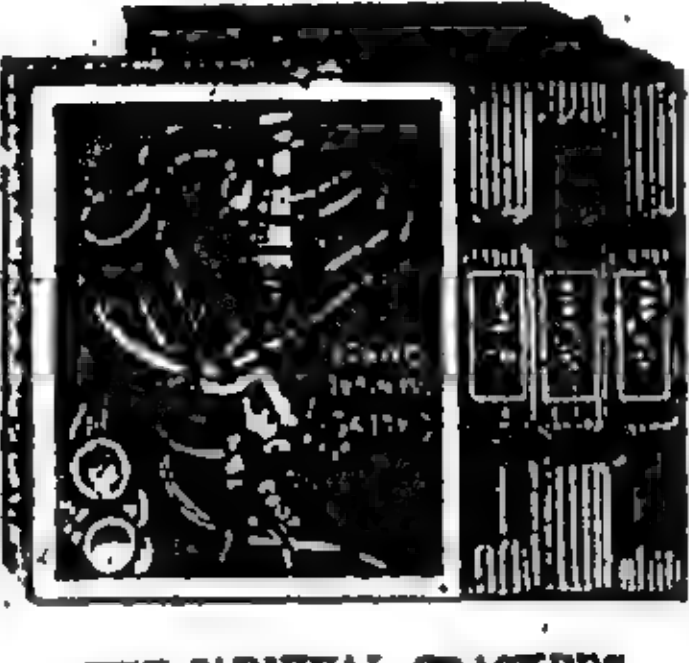
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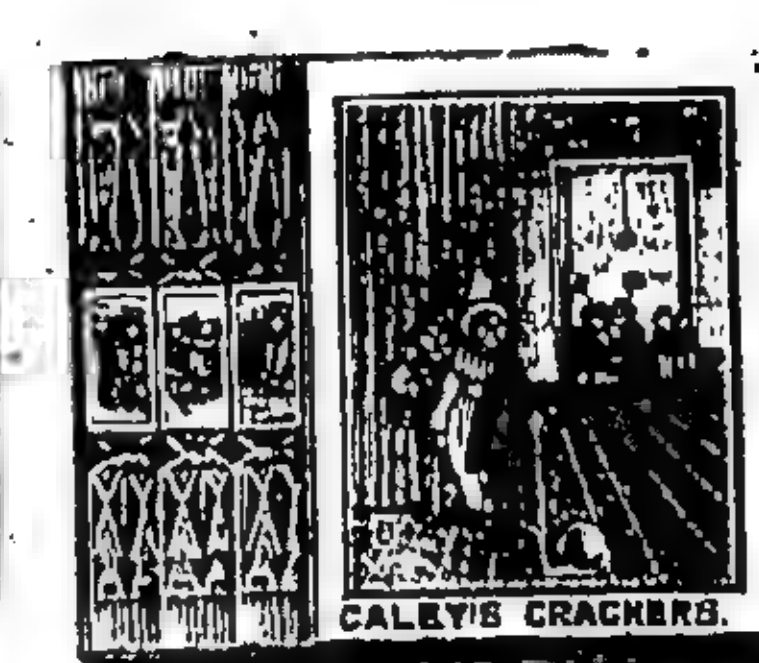
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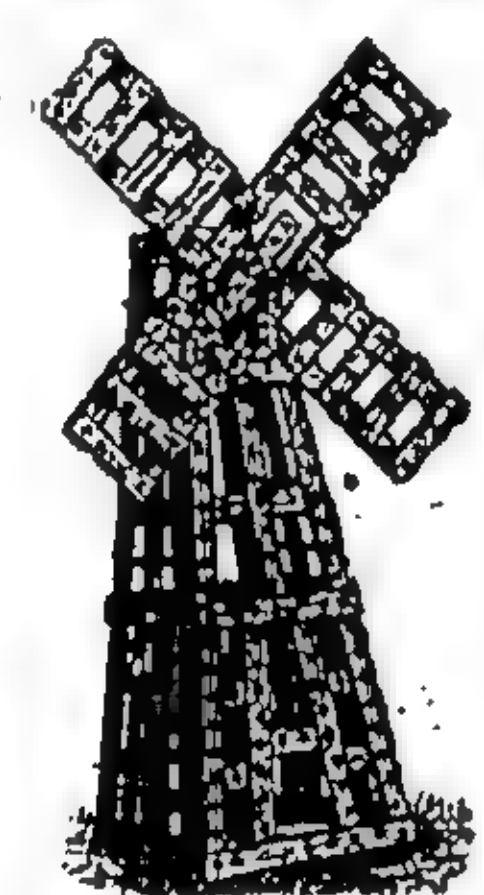
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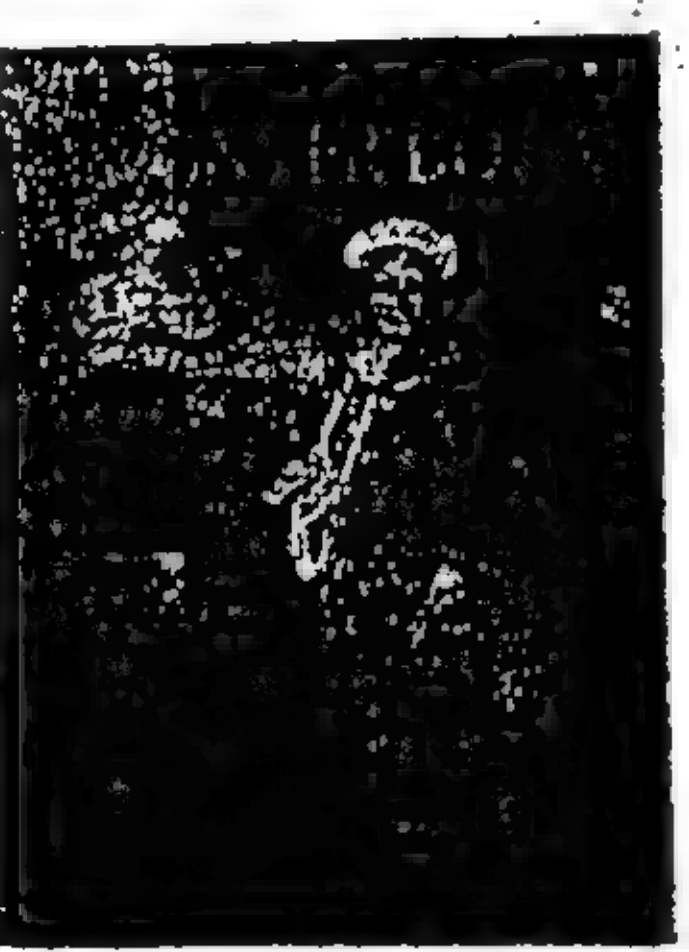
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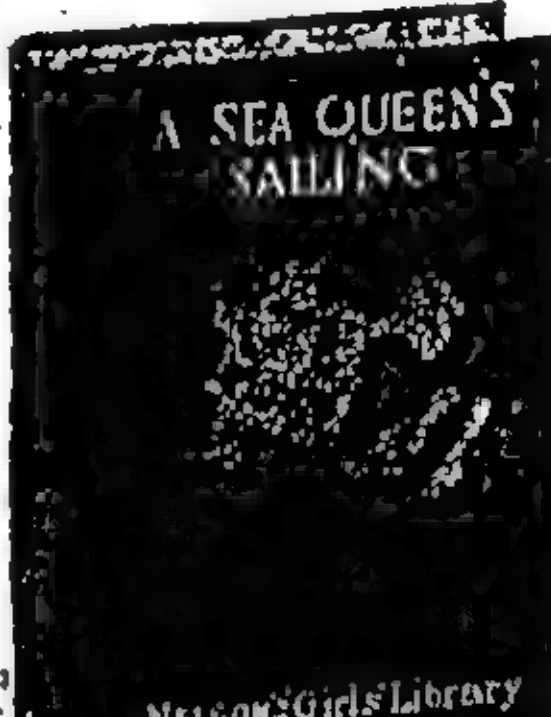
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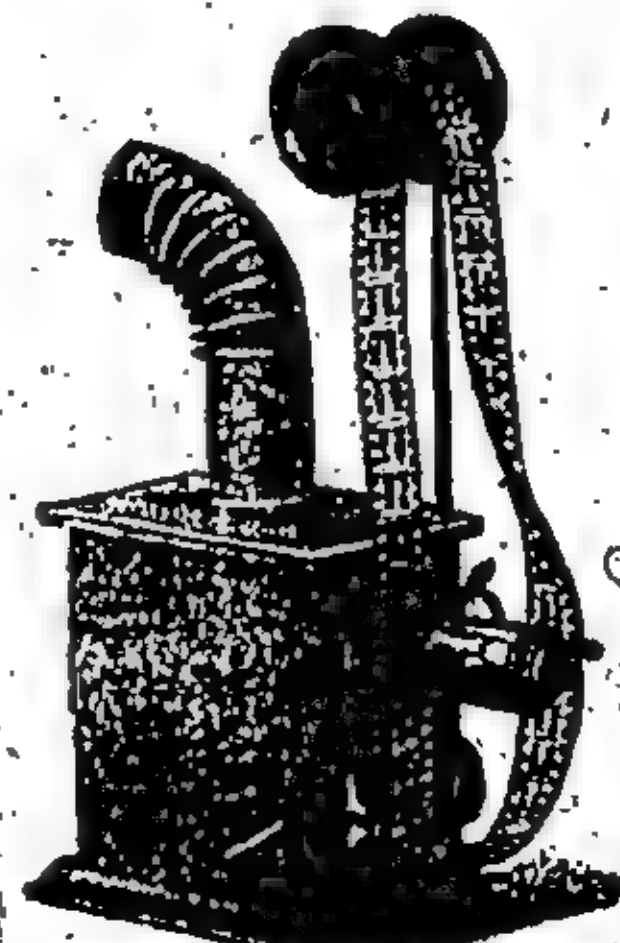
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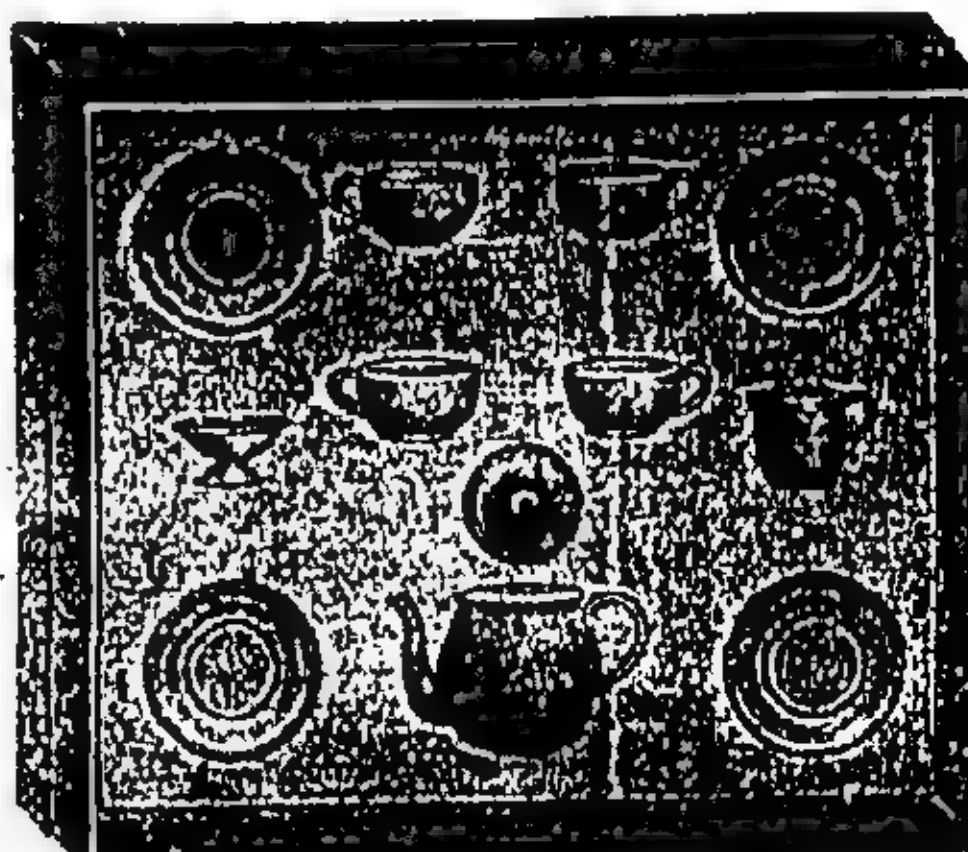
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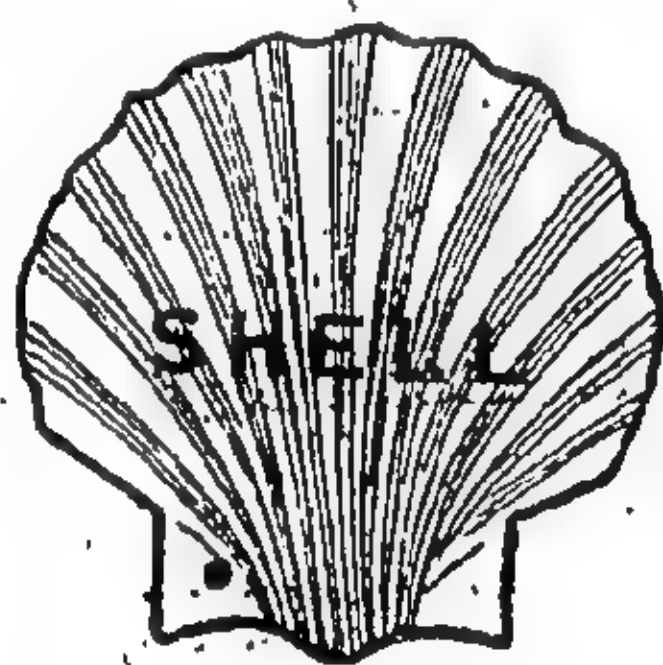
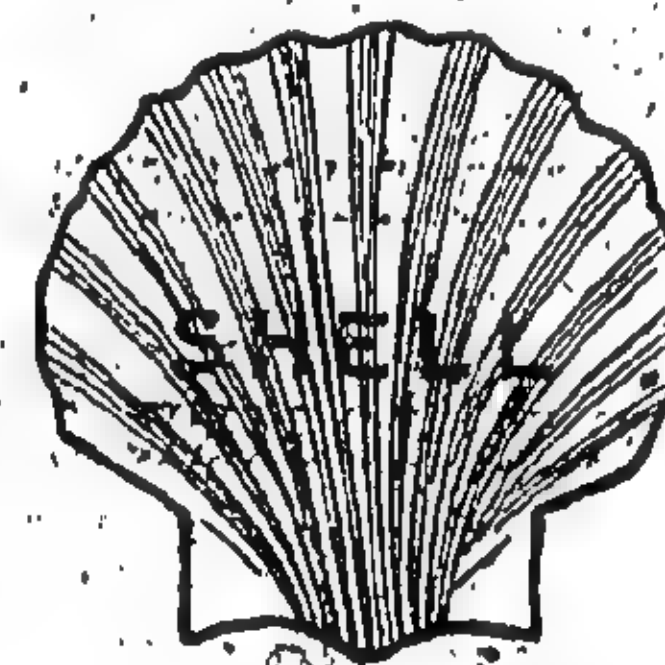
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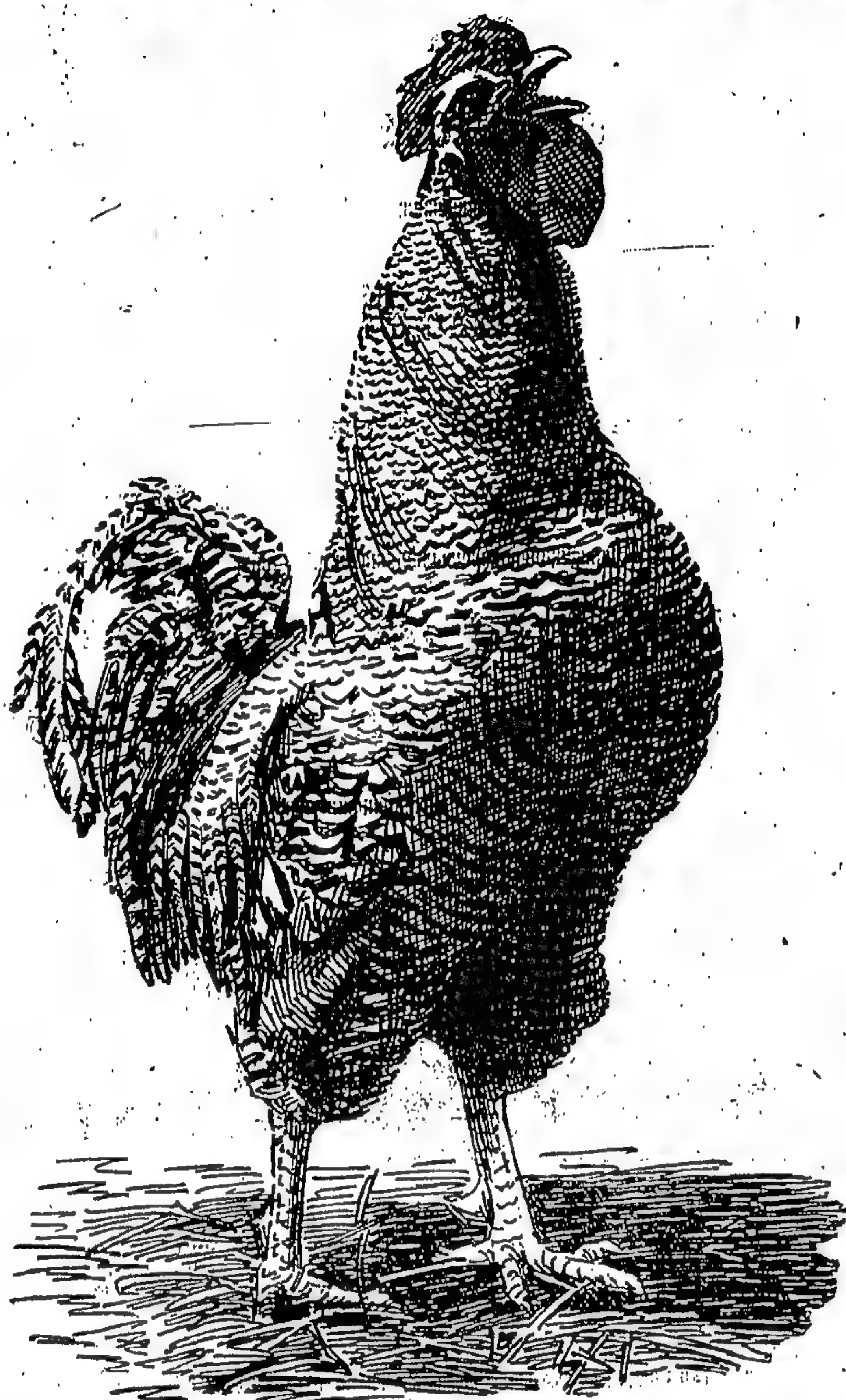
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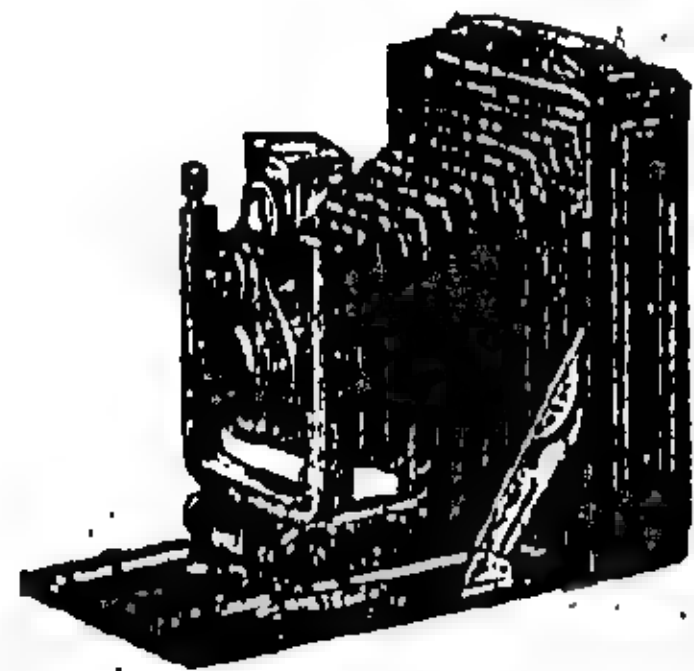
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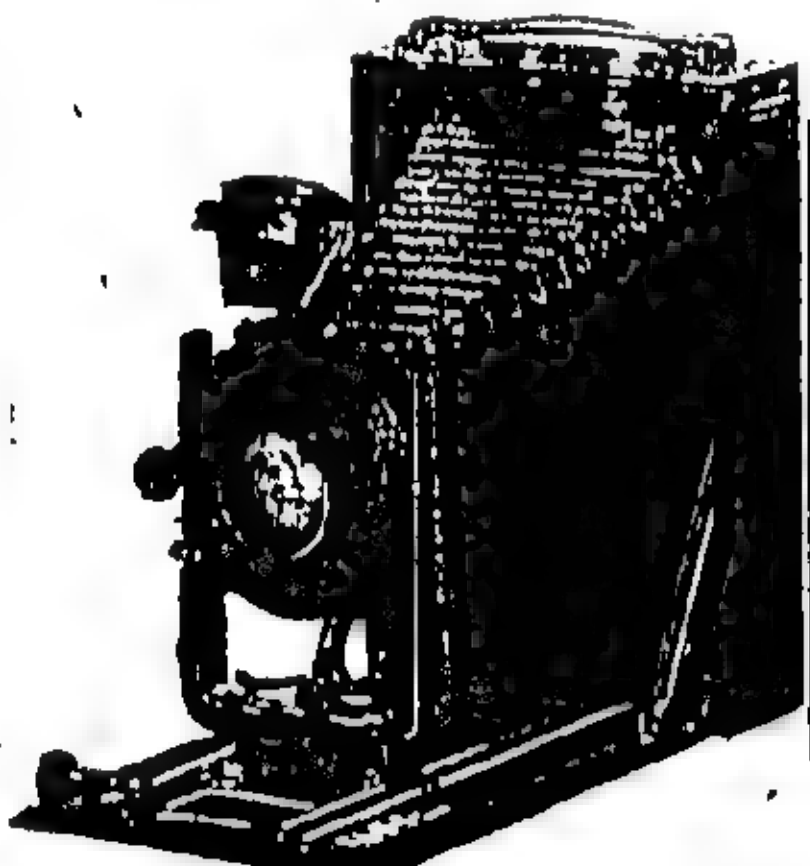
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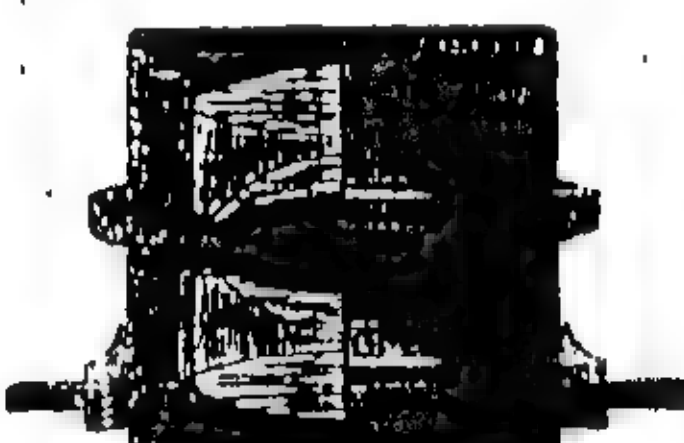
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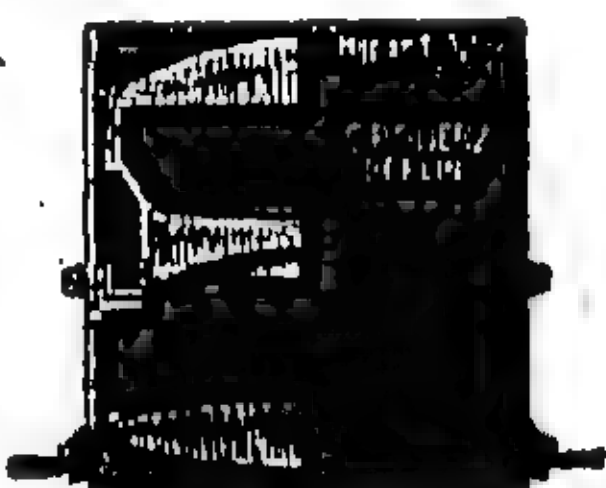
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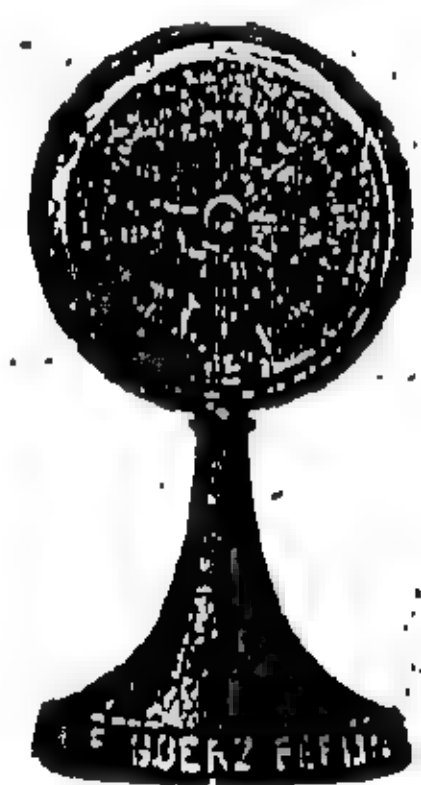
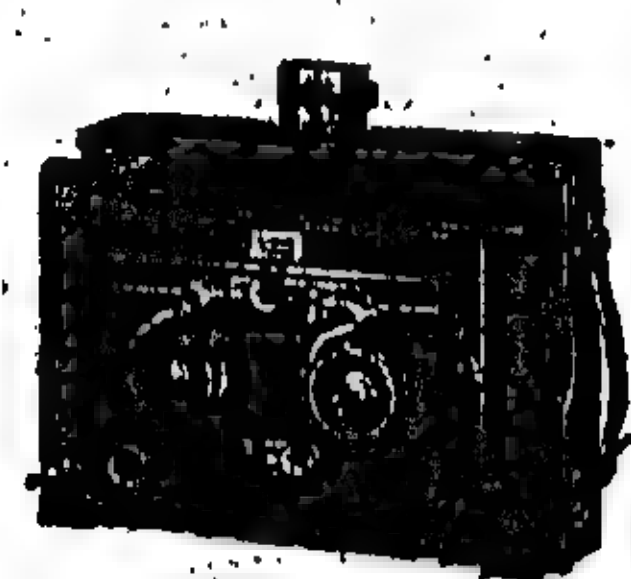


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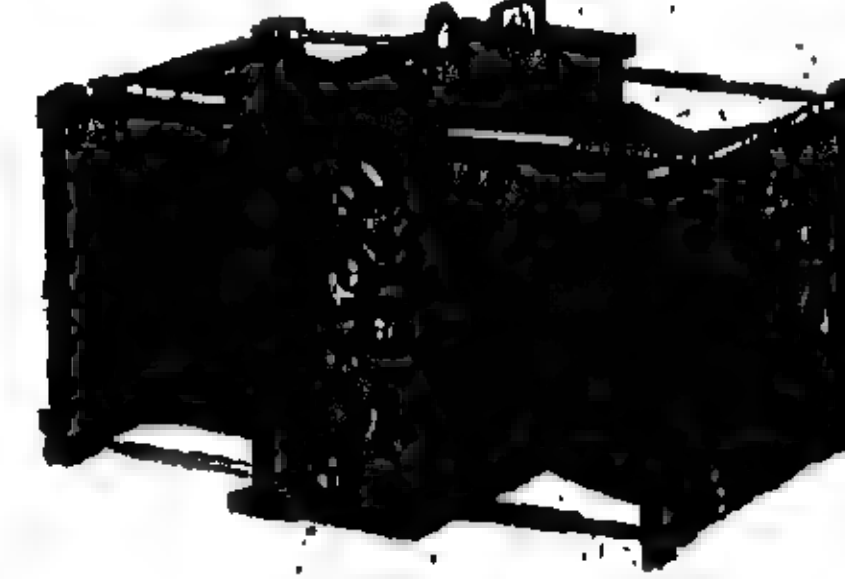
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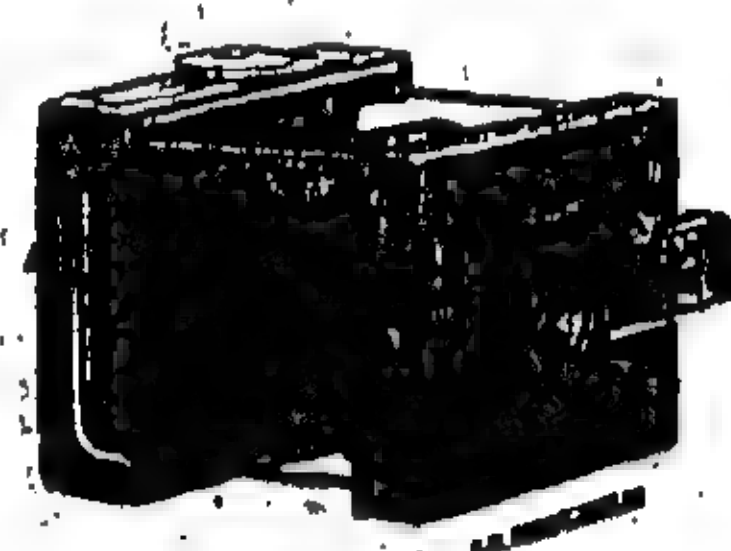
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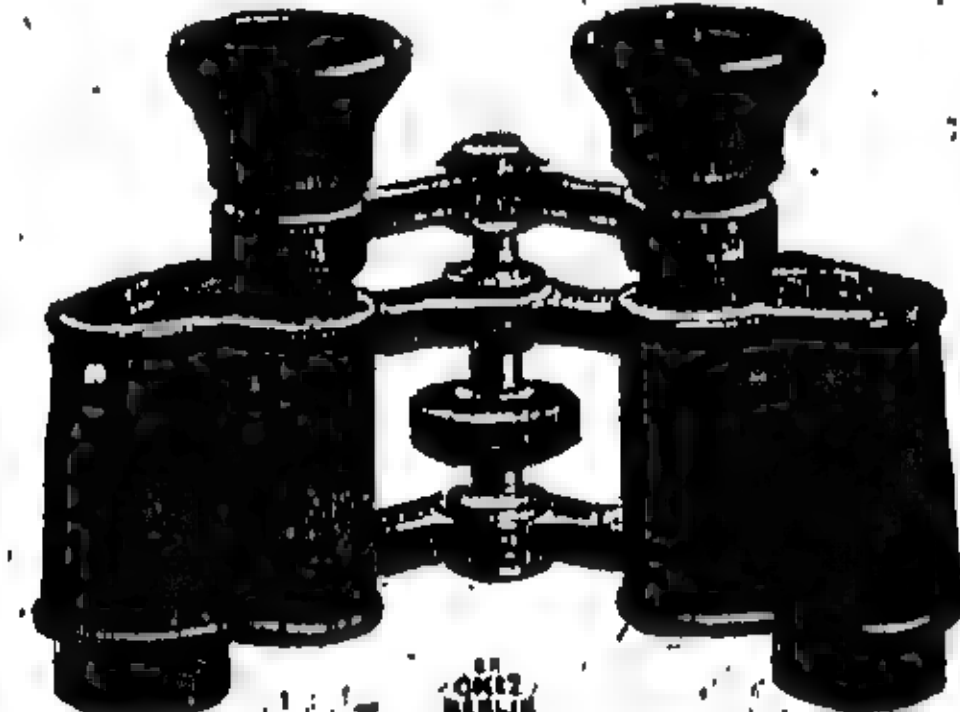
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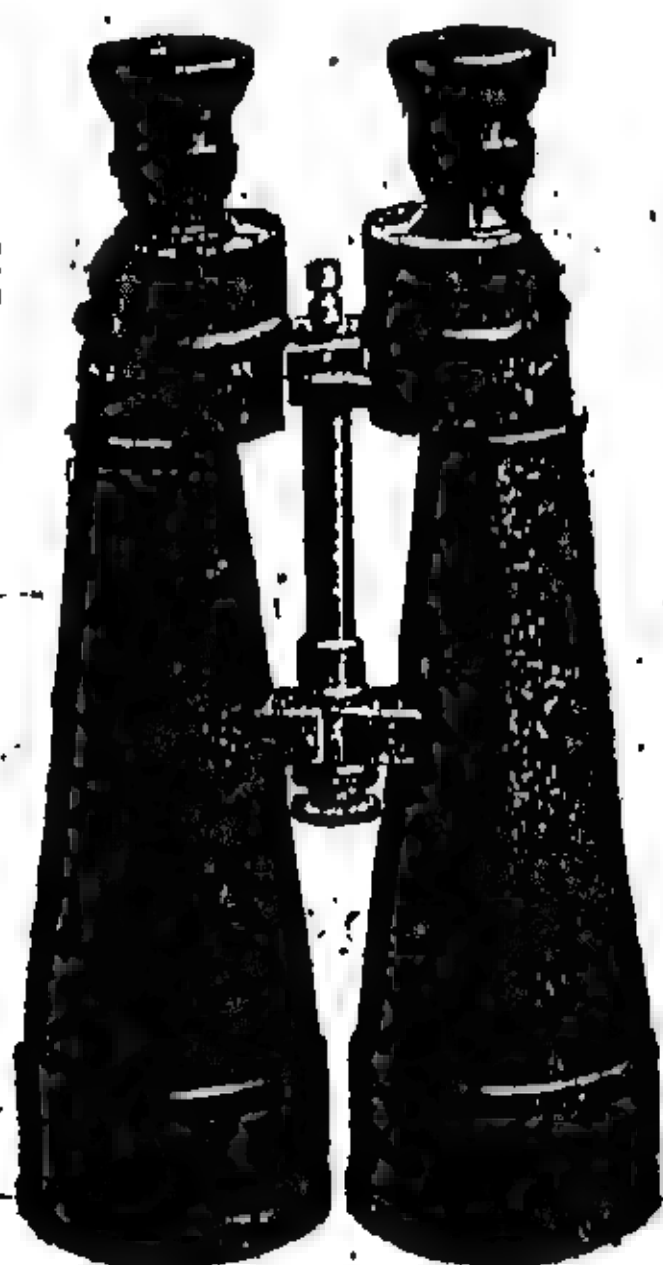
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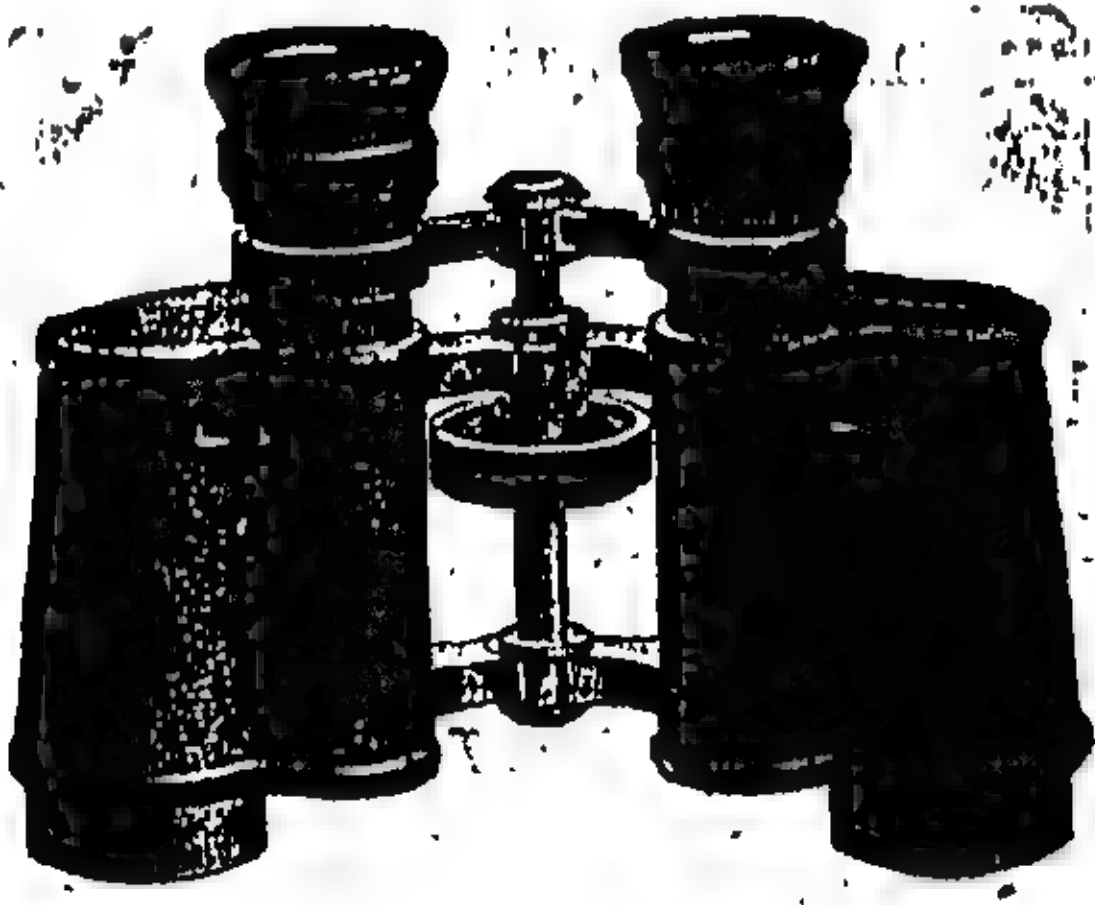
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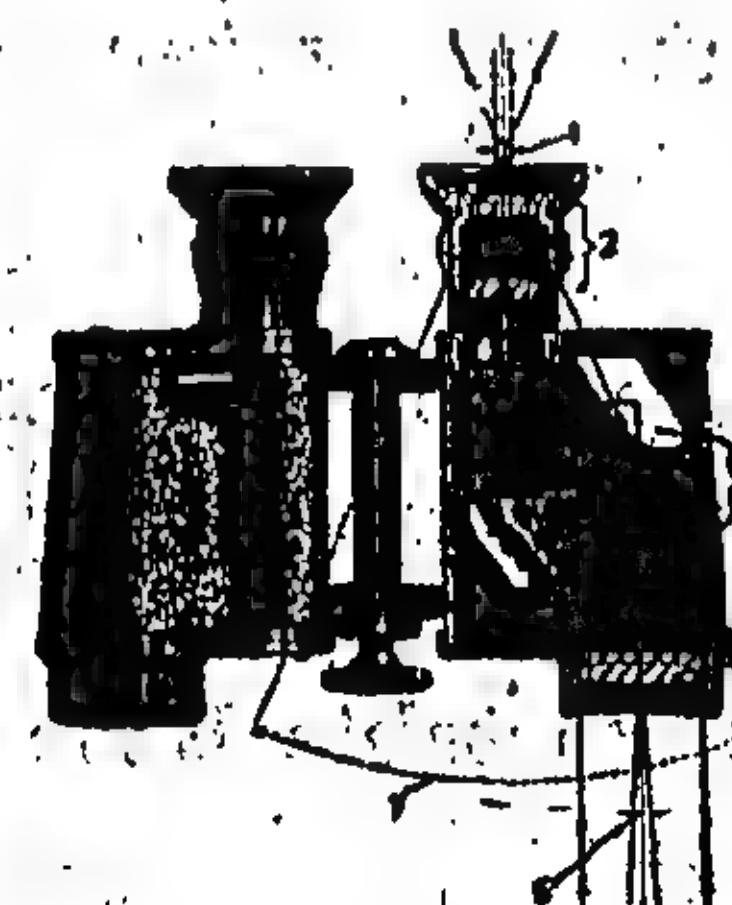
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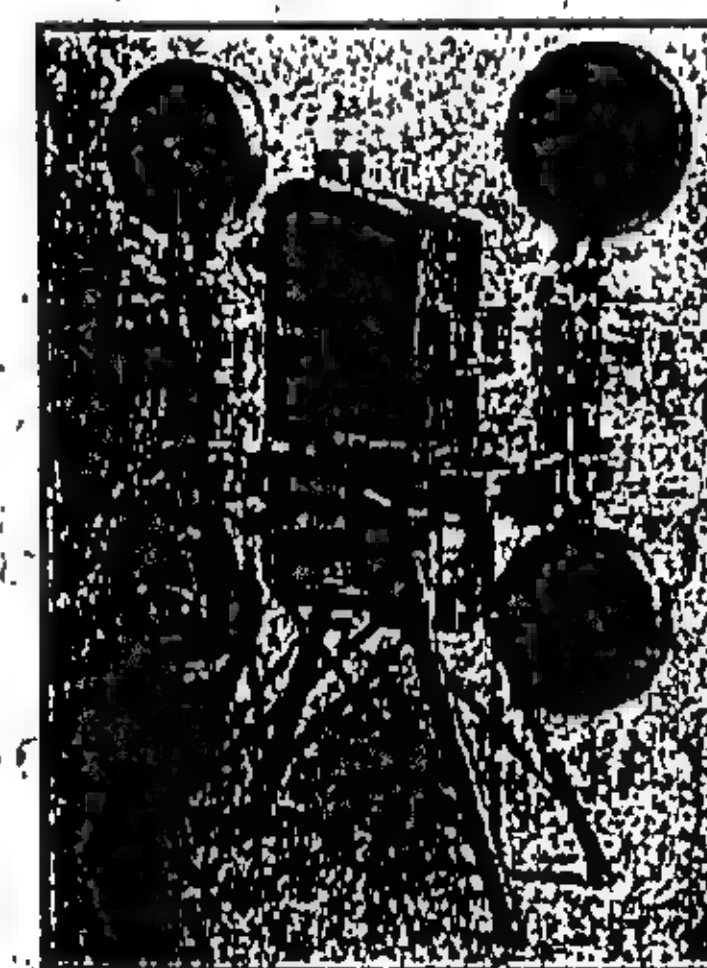
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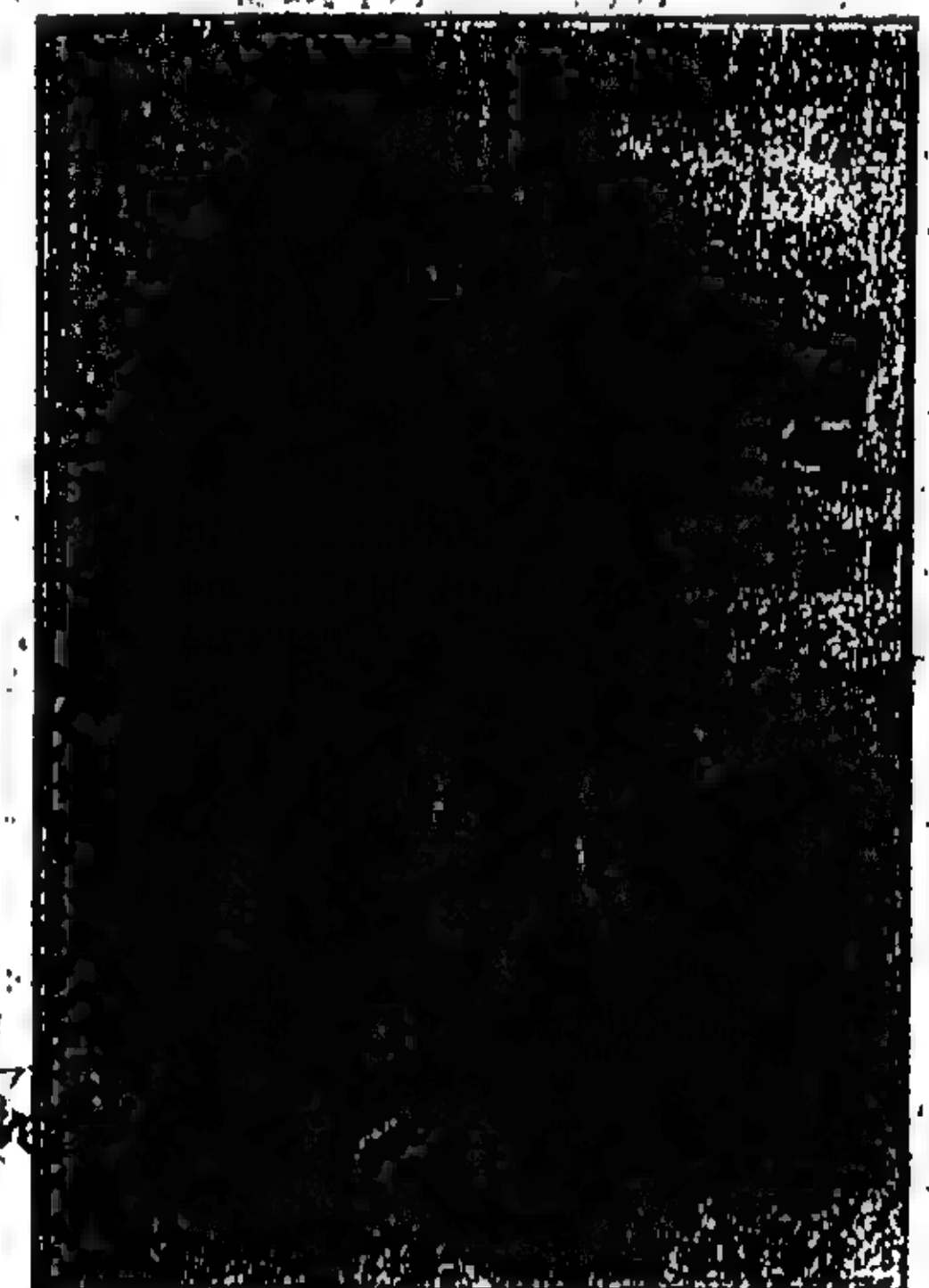
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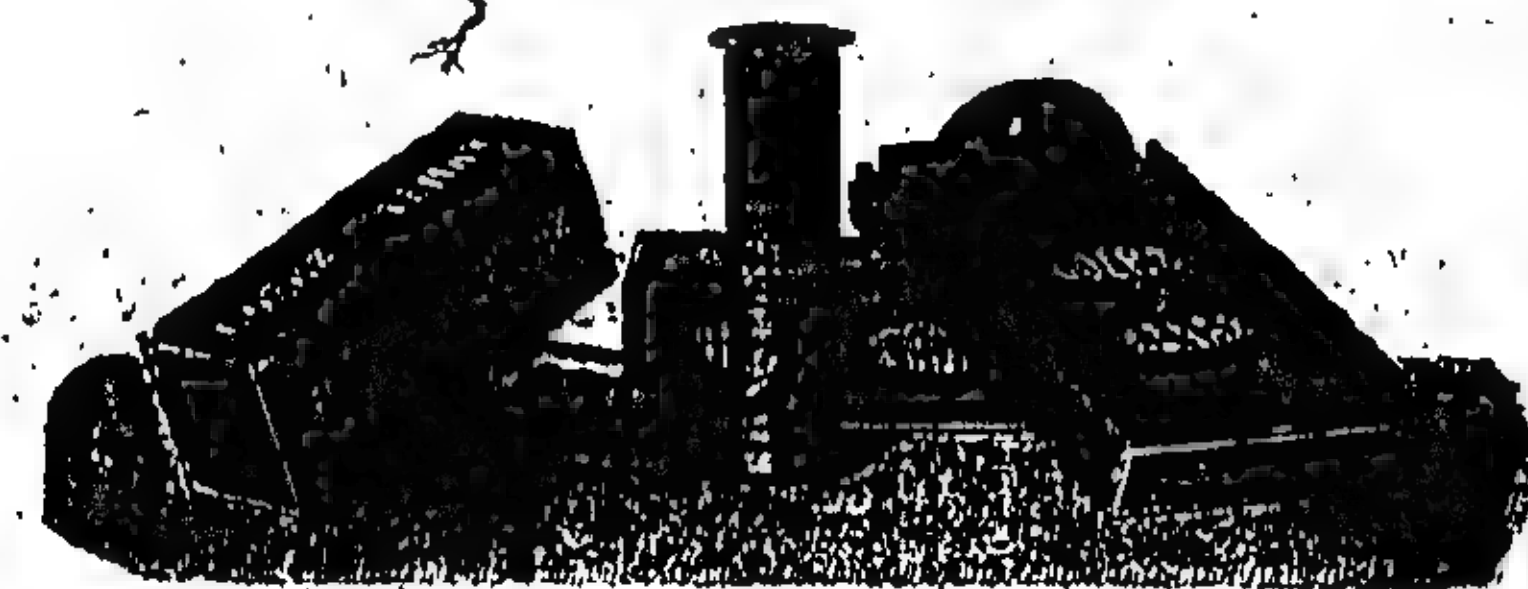
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"MOREA"	10,811	23rd Feb.	do.
"KARMA"	9,085	8th Mar.	do.
"NADDERA"	13,023	22nd Mar.	do.
"KEYBER"	9,014	5th Apr.	do.
"OHINA"	7,952	19th Apr.	do.
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Many remarkable facts about the measuring of human strength and the ailments and dangers which attend nearly every occupation are described in a new volume on Industrial Hygiene, written by Dr. E. W. Hope, medical officer of health for Liverpool, in collaboration with two other experts on this subject, Drs. Hanna and Stallybrass.

There are details of such obscure things as potter's rot, scrivener's palsy, telegraphist's spasm, twister's cramp, butcher's penphigous, and baker's itch. The commercial traveller, the journalist, the flute maker, the waiter, and the dustman in fact almost any wage-earner, also have their own particular dangers to contend with.

The telegraphist, for instance, is advised to learn to work his Morse key with both hands, for he may in time become afflicted with involuntary movements in an overworked hand which cause dots to become dashes and so prevent him from following his occupation.

The dynamometer, we are told, shows by actual measurement that the average man is stronger by 43 per cent than a woman; a more refined instrument, the ergograph, which measures also the powers of resistance, gives man 39 per cent. the better.

The occupation of parents is stated to have a vast influence on infant mortality, which is always disproportionately high in the case of the miner.

ENGLISH TOBACCO.

14,000LB. OFF 18 ACRES.

Mr. A. J. Brandon, of Redfield, Church Crookham, a sturdy and optimistic pioneer of English tobacco, is busy with the crop of some 14,000lb. taken off 18 acres of typical light North Hampshire soil in September.

It is a good average crop of 700lb. to 800lb. per acre, and the tang of the brown and golden leaves is in the air about his barns where they are being dried and graded ready for packing. The Hampshire tobacco is to be manufactured, as in past years, at Salisbury, and, Turkish and Virginian, it has won its way to such effect that there are nearly 100 agents for its sale in London, the provinces, and Scotland.

Mr. Brandon started in 1911 with half an acre. During the war he kept just enough growing to preserve a supply of seed. The industry has languished since the rebate of a third of the duty, granted by Mr. Asquith in 1912, was taken off.

Mr. Brandon grows Smyrna and Samos tobacco for Turkish cigarettes, and Golden Queen and Burley, Virginian tobaccos, the former a dark leaf for pipe smoking, and the latter a light leaf for cigarettes.

But there are many shades of brown, and the grading, by girls, into colour, as well as size of leaf, is an interesting process. The girls sit in a row with heaps of leaves in front of them, and, showing a quick and sure eye for colour, speedily sort out the shades of brown into different heaps with pattern leaves as a guide.

Some of the best of his tobacco Mr. Brandon sells for 3s. to 3s. 6d. per lb. He says that if the Government would treat English tobacco as it has treated home-grown sugar it would soon become a paying industry, giving a lot of rural employment and putting to use much light which in ordinary conditions will not repay the cost of cultivation.

EX-ARCHDEACON LOSES.
JUDGE AND FILM ACTING.
SCATHING COMMENT.

Scathing comment was made by Mr. Justice Darling at the conclusion of the slander action brought by the Rev. John Wakeford, ex-Archdeacon of Stow Lincoln, in which he claimed damages from Mr. Henry Wright.

Mr. Wright is managing clerk to Messrs. Lee, Bolton, and Lee, solicitors to the Bishop of Lincoln, who were engaged in the proceeding as the result of which the ex-Archdeacon was found guilty of misconduct.

Mr. Justice Darling, in his summing-up, said the action appeared to be a part of Mr. Wakeford's propaganda. He admitted acting for the films, dressed up as an Archdeacon, going in and out of the Bull Hotel. It was all very offensive. What were the jury being asked to do except a bit of film acting.

The jury returned a verdict for Mr. Wright and expressed the unanimous opinion that the case should never have been brought into court.

The action was based on an allegation that Wright had said: "I know the Archdeacon is guilty. I have myself traced him to hotels with women, and on another occasion: 'The Archdeacon is a very nice fellow if he would only keep the seventh Commandment.'"

Wright denied slander, and pleaded fair comment.

POET WANTS A WIFE.
OFFERS AND ADVICE.

Enclosing a photograph of himself in frock coat and silk hat, a Rochdale tradesman who claims to be a "poet, musician, and inventor," has written to the "Lord Mayor" of Burton-on-Trent inviting correspondence with a view to matrimony.

"Maybe some nice retired lady would like to make my acquaintance," he adds. "Please make this known."

Burton girls have so far proved shy, but several letters have been delivered in the Mayor's office from potential brides.

One of the correspondents, a Bilston girl, refuses to take the request seriously. She writes, signing herself "Maise de Ville," wishing the noble-hearted inquirer luck, and advising him to seek a personal interview with a brain specialist before the trouble develops.

Two widows, from Birkenhead and Rochdale, have written asking to be put in touch with the lonely poet. One writes that she is tall, pleasant, not bad-looking. She lives in her own house, and has some property.

CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL SERVICES UNDER THIS HEADING.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Hongkong, 18th December 1929.

2nd Sunday in Advent.

Holy Communion (8 a.m.)

Children's Service (10 a.m.)

Hymns, 198, 241, 298.

Matins (11 a.m.)

Responses: Foral; Venite, No. 27

(Bevan); Psalm, 73; To Deum.

Quadruple (Oakley); Benedicite, 108

(7th Evening); Hymns, 298, 291.

Holy Communion (11 noon).

Evangelium (6 p.m.)

Responses: Foral; Psalm, 73, 76, 85;

Magnificat, Lament (2nd Morning);

Nunc Dimittis, Olibert (2nd Morning);

Hymns, 298, 291. (June 190), 291, 29.

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Sunday, 11.15 a.m.

Wednesday, 5.45 p.m.

"THE RAJAH OF RAJAH-PORE."
KOWLOON DOCK A.D.C.'S PLAYLET.

Scenes of oriental splendour transfigured the normal workaday atmosphere of the Hongkong, and Whampoa Dock, Company's roomy mould loft last night. The metamorphosis was brought about by the members of the Kowloon Dock Amateur Dramatic Club who, in order to help the funds of the Ministering Children's League, hit upon the excellent idea of presenting a musical playlet entitled "The Rajah of Rajahpore."

The story of the piece is all about a magic ruby, the priceless heirloom of the Rajahs of Rajahpore, which a wicked spirit known as Raj the Rakshasha manages to appropriate. The gem is finally recovered by the ineffectual young hero who thereby wins a fortune and the hand of the heroine, whose stern parent, has hitherto frowned upon the match.

The best characterisation last night was probably that of Mr. A. Duncan who contributed a good deal of humour to the piece in the part of Pat, man-servant to Major-General Bangs, the stern parent earlier referred to. Mr. C. E. Stewart as the Major-General himself was not quite peppery enough for the part and Mr. C. J. Brown, though he made a striking figure, as the Rajah, was totally unable to disguise the potentate's acquaintance with the best Hongkong Doric. Mr. W. C. Smith, as young Harry Lisle, could hardly be described as a dashing hero.

As to the ladies, Miss Doris Pancheson won well-deserved applause for her singing and dancing in the part of Nelly O'Neale (the Major General's adopted daughter) and Miss Pearl Ogilvie's elocutionary efforts as Electra, the benign Goddess who befriends the hero, merited the appreciation they received. Mention must not be omitted of the charming bevy of imps and fairies who gave such an effective touch to the cave scene in the second act.

Mr. George Duncan was responsible for the remarkable fine settings which rivalled the gorgeousness of the costumes. Most of the work connected with the production was in the capable hands of Mrs. Jenner and Mr. J. H. Lawrence was an efficient musical director.

The audience was a large one and the M.C.L. funds should be appreciably benefited by an effort which was, on the whole, a distinctly creditable one.

Following is a list of the Committee, as well as the names of the members of the cast and the chorus:—

COMMITTEE.
Chairman, Mr. E. Cock; Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. Forsyth; Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. E. Stewart; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. C. Smith; Messrs. J. C. Brown, A. Duncan, E. White, F. J. Jenner, and E. Docherty; Lighting Effects, Messrs. F. C. Coleman and R. Chatterton.

The orchestra comprised the following:—
Piano, Miss Pepita Lawrence; 1st Violins, Messrs. F. Prata, J. Rozario and A. Valeroso; 2nd Violins, Messrs. G. H. Osmund, W. Tilley and K. Jenner; Viola, Mr. J. G. Ozorio; Cellos, Mr. W. Taylor and Mr. N. U. Botelho; Cornet, Mr. D. B. Pictoria; Clarinet, Mr. F. Rozario; Drums, Mr. J. L. Howell; Conductor, Mr. J. H. Lawrence.

Mrs. W. Forsyth, Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Dock Branch, M.C.L. The cast was as follows:—
Nelly O'Neale—(Adopted Daughter of Maj.-Gen. Bangs)
Miss Doris Pancheson
Maj.-Gen. Bangs, V. C.
Mr. C. E. Stewart
Rajah of Rajahpore—Mr. J. C. Brown
Harry—(A Civil Servant)
Mr. W. C. Smith
Pat—Maj.-General's Man-servant
Mr. A. Duncan
Raj. The Rakshasha (A Wicked Spirit)—Mr. G. White
Ah Sin—(Rajah's Man-servant)
Mr. J. S. Nicols
Electra—(Goddess of Light)
Miss Pearl Ogilvie

In the chorus were:—
Gladya Ramsay, Elsa Bell, Florence Neave and Mollie Groundwater (all friends of Nellie O'Neale), Daisy, Wiltchell, Mattie Gourley, Ena Allen, Irene Spradbury, Laura Paton, Mrs. J. McKelvie, Mrs. R. J. Groundwater, Mrs. J. Dick, Mr. H. Duncan and Mr. D. Ogilvie.

Fairies: Mary Ratter, Dorothy Johnston, Margaret Dixon, Winnie Henderson, Margaret Adams, Nan Docherty, Nellie Docherty, Nellie Gillespie and Eileen Steel.

Imps: Wm. Matchin, J. Gourley, R. Groundwater, D. Groundwater, R. Paton, C. Paton, V. Allen, M. Groundwater, L. Allen, D. Dixon, F. Hartley and T. Neave.
Solo-dancers: Winnie Henderson and Chrissie Dixon.

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CAMERA NOTES.
HOW TO MAKE GOOD PICTURES.
SOME INTERESTING FACTS.
(Specially Contributed.)

Many people have asked me why I am able to get such interesting and picturesque photographs of both landscapes and real life in its natural setting; the latter without any apparent pose, which makes the result so pleasing, because the "balance," so necessary to make a picture, is always there. The answer is twofold. I use a Reflex with an F. 4.5 Lens, and a Telephoto lens as well, where necessary. I consider the many advantages of a Reflex over the ordinary type of Camera to very greatly outweigh the admitted disadvantages of size and weight, though these disadvantages are being greatly reduced by manufacturer's newer models. A very compact and light little example of this commends itself in The Thornton Pickard Special Ruby New Outfit shown me the other day, a 1923 introduction.

I think the only really satisfactory way of "framing up" one's picture is seeing it, not as the eye sees it, because the eye sees the whole landscape, but as the Lens portrays it by reflection (hence the name "Reflex") on the ground glass screen, the exact size of the picture. An added advantage is also the fact that the picture is seen the right way up, and not upside down, as in all other types of cameras where a ground glass focussing screen is necessary.

When out with my camera slung round my neck, by the special sling provided with a Reflex I am continually looking at my proposed picture in this way, until I get the necessary view "framed up" in the way I want it. The focussing of a Reflex is simplicity itself, and can be continued up to the very last fraction of a second before the actual exposure is made. In this way, it is possible to photograph moving objects at will in the required position, and the speed of the modern focal plane shutter, combined with the use of a F. 4.5 Lens of Ross Aldis or Cooke manufacture, should render movement impossible. The wonderful results obtained by the Press, of events like the Derby Grand National, and other horse races, show what strides have been made in photography of late, and the combination of plates of 500 H. and D., F. 4.5 lens, and shutters working up to 1/1000 part of a second, would make the original pioneers of photography ask "what miracles are these?"

The revolving back enabling a picture to be taken upright with the same ease as horizontal, the camera being in the same position for either way is undoubtedly a most useful asset.

The Telephoto Lens explains itself, but cannot be truly appreciated until two pictures, taken from the same spot with an ordinary and Telephoto Lens, are produced and compared. The result is amazing, and enables one to get pictures of what otherwise would probably be uninterestingly small, or might be missed with the ordinary Lens, because it did not "frame up" as a picture when in miniature. I make the last remark with a purpose, because the inevitable reply to the first part of this statement is, "you can always have it enlarged."

I would unhesitatingly say that every keen photographer should use a Reflex, and once he has tried one he will never go back to any other type of Camera; and finally, no outfit is complete without a Telephoto Lens.

—Y. Z.

PHIL. CONCERT.
TUESDAY'S EFFORT.

Indications point to the fact that Tuesday's concert will be well attended, the sale of tickets in addition to bookings being very encouraging. In addition to the items already mentioned, the Society will give "Songs in a Farmhouse," which is a cycle of traditional songs, arranged for soli chorus and orchestra by Frederic Austin of Beggar's Opera fame. The work is of a light character and the songs include "Summer is a-cuming in" (chorus), "The Poacher" (bass solo and chorus), "Ut was a lover and his lass" (chorus), "The Bells of Allan Water" (Soprano solo) etc. Rallard Boughton's very fine example of modern part-writing, "Song of Evening" is also in the programme.

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CLUB-LAND CHANGE.
OPEN DOORS TO WOMEN GUESTS.

Numbers of erstwhile popular clubs in the West End have for some time past been finding the greatest difficulty in making both ends meet, and in several cases the situation is rapidly becoming acute.

The explanation is stated to be that numbers of men who formerly belonged to several clubs have decided, in view of scarcity of money, that they can dispense with all but one. In most cases they retain the club in which they meet the greatest number of young men and where it is no crime to speak or laugh.

As a result the less fortunate clubs have been compelled to seek some method of making themselves more popular by coming into line with the times and the introduction of a "ladies' side" is the solution most generally being adopted.

A striking example is that of the Carlton, into which hitherto it has only been possible to take a male guest into a small dining room in the basement. All this is to be changed, and members will shortly be invited to take their men and women friend to meals in a new annex.

SNACK LUNCHEONS.
The things on the "ladies' side" have proved the temporary salvation of one of the most exclusive of the Service clubs, but even this has not proved sufficient, and there is talk of amalgamation with another similar institution which has its headquarters in Piccadilly. For men who no longer use their clubs at luncheon time except on off days from business one club is offering an additional inducement by providing a stand-up snack luncheon at 1s. 3d.

THE "BLUES."
BALLROOM PERPLEXITY.

The beginning of the dance season finds London's ballrooms in a state of confusion because of the introduction of the "Blues"—the slow, dreamy version of the fox-trot—and the speeding-up of the ordinary fox-trot.

On the crowded floor of one of the most exclusive West End dance clubs the dancers, including one of the Princes, moved gracefully enough during a fox-trot, but the playing of the "Blues" disorganised them and turned them into a jostling, bumping, awkwardly-moving crowd of perplexed people.

Some moved slowly to the music, and some took quick steps. Others practised in corners, trying to learn to dance to the slow music. There were continual collisions. To a less extent the speedier fox-trot is worrying dancers not accustomed to the quicker music. What is described as a "syncopated walk" is being danced to the quicker music instead of last year's steps.

At present dancing is largely a matter of deep concentration and tense looks.

THE SIBERIAN ROUTE.
TRAVEL CONDITIONS TO-DAY.

A correspondent at Helsingfors reports in the *Morning Post* that the "Revaler Bote" publishes an account of present-day conditions of travel on the Siberian Railway. One train a week leaves the Jaroslavl station in Moscow for Siberia—every Thursday—and runs through to Chita in eight days. Tickets can be taken in Moscow only as far as Verkhne-Udinsk, east of Lake Baikal, where the line enters the "Far Eastern Republic." A ticket for first-class sleeping cars costs £8 and for second-class, which are "quite comfortable and comparatively clean," about £6, while an additional charge of 13s. a pod (rather over 4d. per lb.) is made for luggage. Bedclothes and pillows are not provided, and can be hired for a small fee.

The trains are very full, and the traveller is advised, if possible, to take a ticket through the official representative of his country in Moscow. In the dining-car good and not very dear meals are to be had; three meals a day in the car, including drinks, come to about 4s. 6d., but the food to be obtained at the big Siberian stations is just as good and is cheaper.

A second-class ticket from Verkhne-Udinsk to Chita costs 17 gold roubles 50 kopecks. From Chita to Manchuria, on the Chinese frontier, only slow trains are running as yet, so that the journey takes nearly 24 hours, and as the trains are crowded, is not an agreeable experience. A second-class ticket for this section of the journey costs 18 gold roubles. The authorities hope to be able to put on fast-through trains in the winter or next spring. From Manchuria to Harbin, on the Chinese Eastern Railway, the fare for a second-class "sleeper" including linen, is 44t, so that the second-class fare from Moscow to Harbin works out at about £20.

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DRAMA OF BIG BUSINESS.

HEROINE OF FAMOUS LE ROY SCOTT NOVEL.

How "Big Business" relaxes and spends its swollen profits on the midnight pleasures of Broadway is vividly shown in "Mary Regan."

When the capitalist and his son, and their friends so relax and so begin to squander the money which has come without exertion there creep in from the underworld creatures hideous of soul, but with the brains of diplomats who begin cunningly to plot the reaping of dishonest harvest.

Such is the stage upon which is set "Mary Regan." Anita Stewart's newest picture. Miss Stewart has the part of a girl whose mother was a society woman, and whose father is serving a penitentiary sentence for theft. She has determined that she shall live a lawful life to repay her father's debt to society. Unwilling to force a husband to share the stigma of her father's name, she has refused to marry a young detective.

Peter Loveman an attorney, is the head of one of the gangs which, dressed in evening clothes, and surrounded by splendour, prey upon the wealthy. He sees in Mary an ideal tool. She is young, beautiful, educated and refined. He decides to use her in throwing his net over Jack Morton, the son of a rich man. Young Morton is inclined to be wild.

Loveman induces young Morton's father to send him away to the mountains under the care of Bradley, an agent of Loveman. Loveman takes care that the resort to which young Morton is sent is that at which Mary Regan is spending a holiday. They are thrown together, and Mary, while knowing Loveman is plotting against both herself and the boy, forms an attachment for him, seeking to save him from the reckless pace at which he has been going. When he becomes infatuated with her she agrees to wed him, and they contract a secret marriage. At a seashore hotel the older Morton comes upon them within a few hours after their marriage, and, because Mary has agreed not to tell of their relation, the father forces them apart.

From this time forth the story revolves itself into Mary's attempts to keep her young husband out of the hands of Loveman and his crowd, who are trying to get his money, and still to keep secret her marriage to Jack. Loveman constantly threatens her, but her good friend, Clifford, the detective, always has an eye to her safety.

At last, however, the Loveman crowd get Mary and Jack together in a private room at a big Broadway cabaret where they are ready to make way with the girl and clean up the last of the young man's money, when the detective plays his master card.

"PENROD."

BOOTH TARKINGTON'S CHOICE.

In "Freckles" Barry the screen has found the ideal impersonation of "Penrod," the boy character immortalized in Booth Tarkington's stories. The opinion comes, not from Marshall Neilan, who has made the film version of "Penrod," but from Booth Tarkington himself. The Indiana author was largely responsible for the selection of "Freckles" Barry for the title role. "I submitted a list of nearly forty boy actors and other child players to Mr. Tarkington," said Mr. Neilan, "and from the photographs attached to the list Mr. Tarkington made his choice. Mr. Tarkington was familiar with the screen work of 'Freckles' Barry, Marjorie Daw and Lena Baskette, the 'vamplet' in 'Penrod,' and chose them at once for the leading child roles."

"Penrod," Mr. Neilan pointed out, "is not merely the story of the country boy or the tale of the city boy—he is every boy. In creating the character of 'Penrod' Mr. Tarkington has not, as so many others have done, portrayed a certain type or class of boy. He has reached down into the fundamentals of every boy and has pictured characteristics that are immediately evident in all American youths. The story might have taken place in a large city or a small town. It will therefore be appreciated by those who have always lived in the city as well as those who have never left the country town."

"In portraying Tarkington's story on the screen I have not attempted to detract or improve upon it. To attempt to out-Tarkington Tarkington would be just as foolish as to try to out-Shakespeare Shakespeare. Booth Tarkington is undoubtedly the greatest painter of American boyhood, as indicated by the triumph of his 'Penrod' stories. It has been my ambition to picture these characters as this author has so successfully visualized them with his pen."

FRECKLES BARRY.

MAKES SACRIFICE FOR ART.

Freckles Barry has learned the meaning of the phrase, "Art for Art's sake."

It was in a scene for "Penrod," Marshall Neilan's picture, when Freckles and little Maurice Lewy were scheduled to put on a lively scrap during the children's pageant. "Give us a real scrap," said Mr. Neilan to the young gladiators.

At the word, Maurice rushed in on Freckles. Biff. And while we should like to report that it was Freckles' blow, still we have to stick to the facts and say it was Freckles' chin that stopped the blow. Whereupon the little freckle-faced star became acquainted with a lot of other little stars and counted them as he reclined in an ungraceful pose on the floor.

It was as it should be, as far as the script was concerned but when the scene was completed Freckles kept his position on the floor. It took Marjorie Daw's smelling salts to bring him to.

ACTOR'S APPETITE.

LAUGHABLE INCIDENT DURING FILMING.

In the filming of Metro's special production of "Uncharted Seas," one of the players is called upon to devour a sandwich of respectable proportions and a glass of milk with a great show of gusto. The scene was set for shooting the other day at Metro's Hollywood studios, shortly after noon.

"But—but I've just had a hearty lunch," mildly protested June Quinn, the possessor of the alleged appetite.

But Director Wesley Ruggles insisted and Quinn became a martyr to the cause to the extent of consuming the generous sandwich and milk for a "long shot."

"Now we'll have to repeat it for a close-up," coolly announced the director.

Quinn permitted his protest to become more vigorous this time. But after much argument, he submitted, consumed one more of the hateful orders of bread and meat, washing it down with milk.

Then it was decided that Alice Lake, star of the production, should participate in the scene to the extent of watching the food being consumed. Quinn, pleading for mercy and tugging at a rapidly tightening belt, held out for some time, but finally submitted. To his credit as an actor it may be said that he gave all the appearances of a hungry man—and a sick one.

"Now, for another shot—" began the director.

But there was no other shot. The tortured Quinn was tottering down the street, deaf to all entreaties.

"Uncharted Seas" is a screen version of John Fleming Wilson's gripping story of the perpetually frozen ice fields. It appeared originally in Munsey's Magazine. It was prepared for the screen by George Elwood Jenkins.

CINEMA CHATTER.

AN OCEAN OF LAUGHS.

KEATON'S "BOAT."

Comedy of the hilarious sort plentifully besprinkled with melodrama, and with a genuinely interesting plot, to say nothing of thrills every few minutes—describes "The Boat," in which Buster Keaton is seen in his latest two-reel super-comedy.

Buster spends practically most of the two reels on the broad Pacific. It is a comedy that gives Buster ample opportunity to demonstrate his versatility and his inventive genius.

The action which follows the launching of Keaton's home-made ship is fast and furious. Buster, knowing nothing of the antics of Neptune sails to sea and is caught, with his wife and family, in the storm. The rescue, while intensely thrilling is interspersed with much comedy, and the finish is novel as well as exceedingly funny.

TOMORROW

AT THE CORONET

NORMA TALMADGE

IN THE ETERNAL FLAME

ASKED FOR "COLD TEA."

AND BUSTER GOT IT.

Buster Keaton and his company were on the train. The train halted at Santa Barbara, Cal., for a few moments and a little old man boarded the car containing the Metro-Buster Keaton company. He carried a covered basket.

His manner wasn't exactly furtive and it wasn't bold either. Approaching Buster, he winked and broadly asked:

"Like to buy some nice cold tea?"

He lifted the cover of his basket cautiously and permitted a glimpse of some brown bottles conched in some cracked ice.

"How much?" asked Buster. "Five dollars a bottle," was the reply, accompanied by another wink.

Four bottles were purchased and the old man extracted a promise not to open the "iced tea" until after the train had pulled out of the station. He said he might get in trouble otherwise.

When the train had left Santa Barbara some miles behind, the bottles were opened and in them was found—

Yep, it was just iced tea that the star of the comedy, "One Week," had bought.

A SMALL TOWN IDOL.

CLASSIC OF THE STICKS.

The opening scenes of Mack Sennett's six-reel super-comedy, "A Small Town Idol," are set in that kind of a town where the railroad track and a struggling stream provide the sunbust inhabitants with their only ideas of motion.

Ben Turpin is the hero; Jimmy Finlayson is the villain; charming Phyllis Haver is the country maid and shares heroic honors with Marie Prevost, who is seen in later episodes when the plot shifts to a city wherein Turpin, unjustly accused at home, takes refuge and becomes associated with the piquant Marie in a thrilling motion picture production of which she is the feminine principal and he is the puissant hero in chains.

On the fame of this film Ben returns in triumph to his village home. But things have moved rapidly there during his absence.

The lovely maid is about to be condemned to matrimony with the wicked villain and a scandal of tremendous consequence has broken out in the village church. Charley Murray, the constable, is hardly able to quell the riotous department of the citizens, and Turpin is, by a sequence of strange accidents, nearly lynched—not for his acting, but for his glances with his gun. Of course everything reaches the sea of tranquillity like the straggling stream, and the "finis" is a fade-out with wedding bells celebrating the most novel and picturesque story that Mack Sennett has yet given to the screen.

WANTED—A MOTHER.

JACKIE COOGAN'S NEED.

A little New York girl got worried over Jackie Coogan after she saw him in "Trouble," his latest First National offering, in which he is seen at the Coronet Theatre. So she wrote him a letter in which she asked:

"Haven't you any mother? I have seen every one of your pictures but the 'Bad Boy,' and I feel very sorry for you because you are all alone."

That's too bad, but it's more or less a fact.

Off stage, Jackie has a regular mother and a regular daddy, too, but only once has he been caught having a mother in his picture.

In "The Kid" if you recall it, Charlie Chaplin acted as mother and father both, although in the last few feet of film Edna Purviance did come forth and claim him for her own.

He had a mother in "Peck's Bad Boy."

But in "My Boy" his mother was a mythical somebody who died at sea, and in "Trouble" he is once more a motherless orphan until he is adopted from the asylum by the wife of a shiftless, brutal plumber.

Despite this, however, he has all the instincts of a dutiful son and the picture gets its title from his attempts to shield his foster mother from the troubles that beset her.

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"THE PRODIGAL JUDGE"

FILMING BIG GAME.

MAJOR DUGMORE'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

There was shown recently in Edinburgh, "The Wonderland of Big Game," a remarkable series of films of wild animal life in Africa, compiled by Major A. R. Dugmore, F.R.G.S. Of recent times moving pictures of "wild" animals have been common interludes in the usual run of cinema-house fare; but this is something novel. There is no fear in Major Dugmore's achievement, as he pointed out, of the shadow of a Zoo fence making bathos of a superficial thrill. What is presented is a unique and lasting record of the great beasts of the world living their natural life in the haunts to which they were born, the result of a daring expedition to the remotest districts of Africa.

ABSOLUTE INTEREST.

Of absorbing interest to everyone, the film catches and holds the attention from the screening of the first picture till the last. Major Dugmore's method of photographing the animal was to have constructed a little concealed house of branches and leaves wherein, when the animals could be induced, or when, rather, their suspicions could be lulled, he turned the handle of his camera and recorded their likeness for our enjoyment. The great difficulty he had was the keen scent of these wild creatures and the fashion in which their ever-alert noses were kept on a seemingly impossible quest by that sense of scene and occasionally by the unavoidable noise of the camera. How he overcame his difficulty was simply by wonderful patience, and so, to our eyes, we can seem in our chairs in the Music Hall as close to the beasts as to see them, as he has secured them, life-size, and far closer than any hunters of big game have ever been successful in attaining. But at what a cost in that same patience! For 70 nights Major Dugmore expected lions, for 70 nights he awaited them in the extreme danger, and on two occasions they appeared. And the consequent pictures, taken by a

device, by several cameras at one time, are admirable, astonishing.

VARIETY OF ANIMALS.

The variety of animals filmed includes buffalo, zebras, a rhinoceros family group, baboons, giraffes, gazelles, elephants, and lions. Major Dugmore's idea was as often as possible to photograph the beasts as they drank at the pool of water. Most interesting is the sight of the zebras, positive something, they knew not what, was wrong, remaining on the alert in the distance till at last they conquered their fears or could bear it no longer and rushed in a body to the pool. So, too, with the giraffes and a host of others.

The most exciting adventures, however, were with a huge rhinoceros and with elephants. The former moved straight for the camera before he could be deflected, and made Major Dugmore's knees, he tells us, knock together so badly he had to sit down and rest them whenever the experience was over. With the elephants it was worse, for a hard knock almost on top of his ill-concealed concealment for becoming hoarse on end, too near him to discover him, and waving their trunks precariously over his head. That time also he thought himself well out of it!

FRECKLES' ALLIGATOR.

MONSTER'S 3,000 MILES SWIM.

Freckles Barry returned to Los Angeles from a vacation in New York to commence work on the filming of "Penrod," Marshall Neilan's latest production which was adapted from Booth Tarkington's stories for release by Associated First National Pictures, Inc., with the strangest bit any film star has ever brought to the film colony.

Freckles not only acted in an eighteen inch alligator—but an alligator that had a record.

This alligator swam across the continent, 3,000 miles.

The fact is that during the entire transcontinental train trip Mr. "Gator" was confined in the wash bowl (an extra one) of the drawing room suite; and he swam lustily throughout the entire journey.

NORMA TALMADGE.

FAMOUS COURT COQUETTE ROLE.

Norma Talmadge, of great beauty and many talents, again registers her histrionic versatility, this time as one of the most alluring and lovable of coquettes, in her portrayal of the Duchess of Langeais in the big spectacular production of "The Eternal Flame."

The story, by Balzac, is laid during the reign of Louis XVIII. in the "Second Restoration Period. With the passing of a season, the court grows colder as to why the Duchess has become a bitterly cynical coquette, conferring her favours equally among her admirers, accepting the homage of all Paris, yet giving nothing in return. It was a period of extravagant frivolities, magnificent falsities, yet her life was without reproach.

Then General Armand de Montivieux, an intimate of Napoleon, became the fashion in Paris by the strange law of coquette. A man of battles and grim realities, utterly unversed in the ways of women and love, he was an outstanding figure among the brainless courtiers of the court, and therefore the mark of the patriotic coquette.

With the arrival of De Montivieux, the Duchess becomes a coquette which changes the course of her whole life and results in a romance as splendid as that of the Immortal Beauties.

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BOOKS

MISS SINCLAIR AND THE OCCULT.

"Uncanny Stories."—By May Sinclair. (Hutchinson, 7s. 6d.) Miss May Sinclair, "perhaps the most competent of modern novelists," to quote her publisher, who has more justification than often happens, is endowed with a really wonderful versatility. This, her latest book, is a collection of stories of the weird and the unearthly. They are not entirely a new departure; for much of her psychology and her philosophical tendency persist in her work, and help to make it distinctive among such fiction. There is none of the obvious, almost cheerful "ecceitism" of the tales told round the family fire at Christmas time in her unconsciousness. Her illustrations, the illustrations of the occult, helps to take them on to the plane of the almost inhuman. He has a slightly ironic, almost derisive touch; and though he adds greatly to the interest of the work, his imaginings, which sometimes with the author's. It is a little difficult, now and then, to get Miss Sinclair's own impressions distinct, because of the impressions driven in upon us by the artist.

The tales are seven—a mystic number. The first has a ghastly Danteque motif, suggesting the eternally-paired flight of Paolo and Francesca. In it the woman and man who have chosen lust in default of love are condemned for ever to repeat their soulless sin in the same squalid set of circumstances. The second tale is tender, and deals with the wistful return of a spirit whose love was never satisfied by the beloved while she lived. She hears him confess at last that she was everything to him—and is at rest. The third is by far the best, the most amazingly well conceived, brilliantly told, and cleverly worked out of all the tales. It must be read, for its nature can hardly be shortly indicated here. The fourth is, frankly, rather nasty, and the fifth is weakish but affecting, and the sixth almost joyful, with its grateful ghost, who thanks his murderer. The last is an imaginative effort, within an ace of being highly successful. It gives a conception of eschatology that is at the same time

NEW FICTION.

"The Book of a Benedict," by Mr. Duncan Swan, contains the reflections and opinions of a gentleman who, though happily married, deems it wise never to take his wife for granted. There is little action, and the plot is negligible. The period covered by the twelve chapters is one year. Month by month the speaker moralises on the sins of society, the advantages and disadvantages of the matrimonial and the single state, respectively, the scandal of marriages of arrangement, the iniquities of practical bachelors who use their freedom to pay attention to the spouses of their friends, and things in general. He tells us what he said to some people who condemned the behaviour of the young wife of an elderly and fabulously rich man, how he saw England beat Scotland at Twickenham, what happened on Rugger Night, and so on in a leisurely discursive monologue which contrives, nevertheless, to hold the reader's interest. (Boileau Head, Dymock's.)

"The Primrose Path" contains some readable short stories by Mr. Arthur Mills, who handles the medium effectively, and contrives some unexpected climaxes. In one of them a young King's Messenger, in helping, as he supposes, beauty in distress in a Riviera train, becomes the unwitting accessory of a gang of international crooks. Another describes a Chinese vengeance frustrated at the eleventh hour by the much persecuted wife of the Oriental villain. Several of the tales, indeed, have their setting in the East, while the rest are concerned with adventure, sport, and the half world. (Duckworth.)

comforting and terrifying. Entry into heaven, according to the demurely cynical writer, may be achieved or missed, with an ease quite disproportionate in the mind of orthodoxy. Altogether the collection is brilliantly clever; but the third tale is really distinguished.

CHINESE FORMS.

A long poem does not appeal to the Chinese mind. There is no such thing as an epic in the language, though, of course, there are many pieces extending to several hundred lines. Brevity is indeed the soul of a Chinese poem, which is valued not so much for what it says as for what it suggests. As in painting, so in poetry suggestion is the end and aim of the artist, who in each case may be styled an impressionist. The ideal length is twelve lines, and this is the limit set to candidates at the great public examinations at the present day, the Chinese holding that if a poet cannot say within such compass what he has to say it may very well be left unsaid. The eight-line poem is also a favourite, and so, but for its extreme difficulty, is the four-line epigram, or "stop-short," so called because of its abruptness, though, as the critics explain, "it is only the words which stop, the sense goes on," some train of thought having been suggested to the reader. The latter form of verse was in use so far back as the Han dynasty, but only reached perfection under the T'ang. Although consisting of only twenty or twenty-eight words, according to the measure employed, it is just long enough for the poet to introduce, to develop, to embellish and to conclude his theme in accordance with certain established laws of composition. The third line is considered the most troublesome to produce, some poets even writing it first; the last line should contain a "surprise" or dénouement.

We are, in fact, reminded of the old formula, "Omne epigramma sit instar apii," etc., better known in its English dress:

"The qualities mine in a bee that we most
In an epigram never should fail:
The body should always be little
And sweet,
And a sting should be left in the tail."

The following is an early specimen, by an anonymous writer, of the four-line poem:

"The bright moon shining overhead,
The stream beneath the breezes
tongue,
Are pure and perfect joys indeed,—
But few are they who think them such."

—HARRIS A. GILES, in "A History of Chinese Literature."

TO A CHILD.

(Written on the fly leaf of "Puck of Pook's Hill" and given to a child.)

By WILLIAM McFEE.
It tells of peace, it tells of strife,
It tells of high and low,
It tells of all the throbbing life
They lived long long ago;
Of matrons fat and maidens slim,
Of castles high and cathedrals dim.

It tells you tales of this our land
That Englishmen call "home,"
Where lived the mighty men who
manned
The outer walls of Rome;
Of Julius Caesar (in evening dress)
Out for a stroll on Shoebuyness.

It tells of Knights and Squires fine
Who never were afraid,
Who rode (first class) to Palestine
Upon a heroic Crusade.
Some of them never came back I
hear,
And widows at home were cheap
that year.

It tells of men who ventured out
On high discovery,
Who strove in many a dusty bout
Upon the stormy sea;
Who fought for gold with many
wiles
In lands beyond the Happy Isles.

So take, Maid Margery, this book
And p'p's, when trees are green,
Asleep within some shady nook,
You'll find the fables seen
By little man and little maid,
Adrowse beneath the woodland
glade!

ADAM AND EVE.

By H. Dennis Bradley. 72 x 5, 127 pp. T. Werner Laurie.

Mr. Dennis Bradley is a writer who has produced plays, fiction, histories, and essays, but he avows that advertisement writing has paid him best. Certainly the direct "punching" style in which these little articles are written is the one for an advertisement. And it is satisfactory to be told (in another connection) that he writes truth—"because it is the only way in which I can write. And just because it is unusual it appears original."

The address on Advertisement delivered at the Advertising Convention, Atlantic City, U.S.A., this last June is the best thing in the book. A longish paper on "The Poverty of the English Drama" may interest theatre lovers, as a review of what is going on, especially if they attach any importance to the announcement of Mr. Dennis Bradley's own views about producers, dramatists, and actors. A telling little card-table story is also worth a mention.

TCHEHOV AND TOLSTOI.

He always spoke of Tolstoi with a special, almost imperceptible, little smile of tenderness and anxiety in his eyes; he spoke with a lowered voice, as of something phantasmal, mysterious, which requires soft and wavy words.

More than once he complained that there was no Eckermann near Tolstoi, to write down carefully the sharp, unexpected, and often contradictory ideas of the old wizard. "You ought to do it!"—he tried to persuade Sulerzhitsky—"Tolstoi is so fond of you, talks to you so much and so well."

Of Sulerzhitsky, Tchekov, said to me:

"He's a wise baby."

Very well said. Once in my presence Tolstoi was in rapture over one of Tchekov's stories, I think it was "The Darling." He said:

"It is like a piece of lace worked by a chaste girl; there were such girls in olden times, lace-makers 'for ever'; they put all their lives, all their dreams of happiness into the pattern. They dreamt in their patterns of what was most dear to them; all their vague, pure love they knitted into the lace." Tolstoi spoke with much agitation, with tears in his eyes.

And Tchekov... sat with red spots on his cheeks and his head bent down, diligently rubbing his pince-nez. He was silent for a long while, at last, with a sigh, said in a soft, bashful voice:

"There are misprints in it."

Maxim Gorky, in *The Adelphi*.

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In other little pieces on Women, Men's Clothes, Starch, British Hotels, Shoes, and such like subjects, Mr. Bradley does not say much that is worth saying, but he says it with immense verbal dexterity. He is one of the writers who seem to believe that to make a statement in an elaborately unusual way makes it witty or pointed. And as to his views on affairs generally, he belongs to the familiar class of person who announce with a thump on the table that "Britain is being run by Bureaucrats, Megalomania, and Squandermania."

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SUNDAY, 16th and MONDAY, 17th

MARIE PREVOST

IN THE ZIPPY COMEDY DRAMA OF A FOLLIES BEAUTY WHO BREEZED INTO AN ARISTOCRATIC FAMILY AND STARTED A STORM THAT SUBSIDED IN A DOUBLE WEDDING.

"DON'T GET PERSONAL"

SEE

DYNAMIC DEAN FLASH LIKE A COMET ACROSS THE SCREEN

SEE HER when she defends the man she loves against the man who would wreck his career!

SEE HER when she descends into an inferno of raging flame, falling walls into a bedlam of fear-crazed men, seeking the one creature who had been her friend—had taught her that life was something more than an uphill battle against odds!

PRISCILLA DEAN

AND GREAT CAST

IN THE

"Flame of Life"

LAST SHOWS TO-DAY

AT THE WORLD

SCREENLAND.



"DON'T GET PERSONAL."

What made Marie Prevost queen of the bathing beauties and gave her the most admired figure in pictures?

On hot days, swimming. On cool days, golf on a course near Universal City. At least, that's what she says. Of course, she was born that way—and with the training she has always followed, has kept herself in fine physical trim.

In "Don't Get Personal," the Universal special attraction which brings her in a stellar performance to the World Theatre on Sunday, 16th inst., she shows that acting, however, and not the display of a shapely figure, is what the future intended for her. In the Universal comedy-dramas in which she has starred since leaving the beach queen comedy ranks, she has displayed a talent and cleverness that makes one wish that she hadn't stayed in the bathing class so long. When she was discovered by Mack Bennett during a visit she paid to one of his actresses one day, she joined the beauty squadrons formed by Gloria Swanson, Phyllis Haver, and Mary Thurman. Like

them, she eventually graduated into the dramatic star class. But she'll always be glad that she spent her early girlhood developing her nearly perfect figure until she knows no peer in the beauty class on the screen. For in the comedy-dramas such as "Don't Get Personal," besides the constant semi-display of the form occasioned by women's fashions of to-day, there is a scene now and then requiring more than ordinary beauty to "put it over."

T. Roy Barries is the leading man and Clarence Badger the director of "Don't Get Personal."

WANDA HAWLEY.

HER LATEST REALART PICTURE.

"THE TRUTHFUL LIAR."

The screen makes the fashions. And the actress who doesn't realize the fact fails in her duty to her admirers. Wanda Hawley is not one of those, however, as is evidenced in "The Truthful Liar," a Realart picture which will be on view at the World Theatre beginning Tuesday next.

Miss Hawley, as the potted young wife, wears some charming creations. Particularly does she introduce a novelty, the "fifty-fifty" dress, about which both the liberals and the extreme Puritans will find something to admire—from different points of view, naturally.

Seen from the front, it is a black charmeuse evening gown heavily beaded on the bodice which is very high, giving but a small glimpse of neck and shoulder. A fringe draping at the shoulder gives the effect of gloves. Demure as is this gown it is "blackness."

In "The Truthful Liar," Miss Hawley is supported by Edward Hearn, Charles A. Stevenson, Cassin Ferguson, E. A. Warren and others.

"THE FLAME OF LIFE."

NEW PRISCILLA DEAN PICTURE.

Priscilla Dean, dynamic emotionalist of the screen, and one of fiction's most cultured women, has longed through her whole career for such a rôle as she plays in "The Flame of Life," the Hobart Universal-Jewel production, showing for the last time at the World Theatre to-day.

Her desire has been a rôle of real emotional depth and yet without the influence of beautiful sets, fine clothes, and the splendour of a golden ending. In "The Flame of Life," the heroine is a girl of the mining country of North England, a toiler by day and a much-cursed, inhumanly treated daughter by night. She is uneducated, reading and writing is wholly foreign to her; and the real "kick" for the critics lies in the fact that the end of the picture finds her the same! She is merely shown at the climax on the high road to better things.

Frances Hodgson Burnett, England's brilliant woman novelist, knew the locale of the story by personal contact. Above all, she knew how to inject humanness and naturalness into a story dominated by dramatic stress. The story has no tiresome involved plot; it pictures the impingement of natural forces in a strong, clear way. Robert Ellis, Wallace Boory, Beatrice Burroughs, Kathryn McGuire, and others support Miss Dean, directed by Hobart Henley.

Hobart Henley spent several weeks in rehearsing the players in their parts in much the same manner that a stage play is rehearsed. In this way each player was familiar with the entire story.



Jack Conway, Claire Adams and Frankie Lee make their last stand against the outrages of "The Killer" in the Pathé feature of that name adapted from the novel of Stewart Edward White.



Pauline Frederick's record on the silver screen is studied with many a brilliant performance, but in none of her vehicles has she ever done anything more noteworthy than her interpretation of the wife in "The Song of the Lark."

ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Master Baker's Drastic Reduction.

"Mr. Albert Williamson, President of the Sheffield Master Bakers' Association, having failed to induce the Association to lower the price of the 2lb. loaf from 4½d. to 4d., has resigned the presidency, and is selling loaves at 3½d. He states that he can make 25 percent gross profit on this reduced price, as compared with 50 per cent. profit on the 4½d. loaf," says the *Morning Post*.

Flavour.

Toothpaste with the flavour of fresh fruit is the latest delicacy to be placed before the public. There ought to be a market for a few other commodities on similar lines. Why not—

- (1). Oil lamps that smoke with the smell of attar of roses.
- (2). Trousers that scorch in front of the fire with the savour of roasting coffee.
- (3). Patent lavender water for boiling greens in.
- (4). Health salts that taste like bottled beer.
- (5). Stamp gum with a flavour of Turkish Delight.
- (6). A nose cap that will make snoring sound like orchestral music.

No Workless in United States.

Sir Alfred Yarrow, the engineer and shipbuilder, interviewed at Southampton on his arrival from New York in the Cunard liner "Aquitania," said that there was no unemployment in the United States. Trade union restrictions on demarcation he said, do not exist to anything like the same extent as in the United Kingdom. Men were more free to take any kind of employment that they were capable of carrying on. He considered that prohibition was beneficial in the manufacturing districts; the increased efficiency per man was estimated by large employers of labour at 17 to 18 per cent. "We have," he added, "to face the fact that owing to prohibition competition with the United States will be greater than ever."

THE LATE TENANT.

In a disused hut, two swallows commenced building operations. One became entangled in the clay and hair and died there. Some time later another pair came along and completed the partly finished nest in such a way that the head and one wing of the previous tenant hung like a trophy on the wall.—*Tungamah*.

TINNED SNAKE.

Was walking across a paddock when I noticed what appeared to be an animated tin. It was a condensed milk tin in which a carpet snake had got his head fastened. While I watched, he wriggled two coils around the tin and pulled himself free, minus a few scales.—*C. J.*

CURIOUS SEARCH.

Mate of mine is employed at £3 a week and expenses to search every Sydney suburb for houses called "Loretto." He reports the addresses once a week, and his employer motors round to each, making inquiries for a missing friend who lives in the "Loretto" somewhere in the County of Cumberland. The search has been on for months.—*Aesay*.

NO MEDAL FOR HIM.

A Brisbane hero jumped into the river and rescued a drowned girl by grabbing her throat and towing her ashore. When he landed his freight, he was hit on the jaw by the mother of the damsel, who resented her daughter's hair being pulled.—*Brisbane Standard*.

KILLED BY DOGS.

Miss McCallum, the 16-year-old daughter of the proprietor of the local paper, was walking down the street in Cornhill, when a string of six greyhounds raced over her. Her head struck the pavement, and she died in hospital soon after admission.—*Richmond River Herald*.

SNAKE KILLS BABY.

Mrs. Wyatt, of Undullah, in the Beau-desert country, after nursing her infant son, put him on the ground. Shortly afterwards she heard the little one cry, and rushed to him. As she approached a black snake crawled along. It had bitten the baby on the ankle, and he died next morning.—*Queensland Times*.

FIRE STARTS IN SHIRT.

While he was smoking an evening pipe, a spark lodged in the rolled-up shirt-sleeve of E. Driver, the occupant of a house in Cleveland Street. When he took the garment off, he hung it with other clothing in the room. Shortly afterwards the place was found to be on fire, and the brigade was called out. Slight damage was done to the premises.—*Brisbane Standard*.

HIS UNLUCKY NUMBER.

A Sydney paper has the story of a 13th child born on 13th Sept. of a mother three times 13 years old, who was photographed with the infant 13 days later. Also, it is mentioned that the youngster's grandfather backed two horses numbered 13 on the race-cards and won money. But there is not a word about the father of the infant. He gets no honourable, or other, mention.—*Goulburn Herald*.

Profits Fixed by Law.

The Ministry of the Interior in Spain has circularised all the civil Governors instructing them that in future the profits of firms dealing in articles of prime necessity are to be restricted to 14 per cent.; that is, 5 per cent. on the capital, 6 per cent. for administrative expenses, and 3 per cent. for emergencies. Persons failing to comply with this decree will be proceeded against.

The Latest Fashion.

Ladies are neglecting the art of singing in favour of whistling.—*Daily Paper*. Oh, Gladys, tell me 'tis not so! Am I no more when lights are low To hear Fred Weatherly and Co. Sung forth with passion?

It is the truth that nowadays You scorn to trill those ancient lays, And that a silly, whistling craze Is now the fashion?

Once from your lips, serene and strong, Would burst Niagaras of song That even dragons of the pantry gong That went at tea-time.

Ah, then you sang in accents sweet Of lovers who must never meet, But kept true hearts which always beat In steady three-time!

Gladys, beware! for though it's true That "Whistle and I'll come to you" Would seem to be your latest cue, I shall ignore it.

I warn you, and my words are plain, Unless you sing those songs again, My love will vanish, and, in vain, You'll whistle for it!

HARTLEY CARRICK.

Dusty Wheat.

When, among many other finds apparently far more important in the Tut-ankh-amun relics, the discovery was made of a small amount of dusty wheat, not a great deal of attention was paid to it. When, however, a handful of it having found its way to Hungary and been planted there, it was announced, that not only had it sprouted, grown, and matured, but that it had turned out to be wheat of exceptional quality, greater interest was aroused. Similar cases have been known before, and provide extraordinary evidence of the vitality of these grains. There is forcibly brought home to thought, moreover, from such instances, that though modern methods of viticulture have done wonders, the tendency of the world's food plants has evidently not been toward improvement unaided.

Financial Savings.

The French have never been so well off, every class without any exception.—*Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton*. One of the causes of unemployment is the ostracism of Russia and our attitude towards Germany.—*Col. J. Wedgwood, M.P.*

Business peril lies in easy profits.—*"Money and Markets"* (National Bank of Commerce, New York).

The assumption of the American debt seems to call for reconsideration of old policies.—*Gen. Smuts*. Schemes of great national value exist in abundance. All that is needed is the necessary Treasury aid.—*Mr. J. R. Clynes*.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the gravity or the urgency of the unemployment in this country due to our export trade being far below its pre-war volume.—*Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame* (President Board of Trade).

It is of vital interest to this country to prevent the establishment (by France) of a Ruhr currency.—*The "Financial News"*.

We see the beginning of that internal disruption of Germany which we have all along feared, but which we have been consistently told to regard as a bogey. It has a pretentious economic significance, for it means the ultimate disappearance of the debtor himself.—*The Marquess Curzon*.

Two Years After.

Mr. Macgregor, the new Director of the Queensland Producers' Association, whom the Queensland Government obtained from W. A. to run its rural organisation, devotes his spare time to Bible punching. He considers the Devil has had his day, and that the war is taking place whereby Christ is driving the Devil from his position in human affairs. A catastrophe is approaching, he says, and the great climax will arrive in 1925, when the millennium is due.

All this is very interesting to theologians in particular; but it has added interest from the fact that when Mr. Macgregor was negotiating with the Queensland Government about taking up his £1500 a year job he demurred to the term of three years, and at his request the time was made five years. This will extend the period of his engagement two years beyond the due date of the millennium!

Do You Dread the Night?

Courts and aids always seem to grow worse at night-fall and creep come without warning at midnight. Avoid an uneasy, feverish, sleepless night by keeping in the home a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is soothing, healing and contains no narcotics. For sale everywhere.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

TANGIER QUESTION.

PARIS, December 13.—The twelve years' negotiations between Great Britain, France and Spain regarding Tangier have been virtually concluded. It is expected that an agreement will be signed within a few days, as the three countries yesterday signed a convention for the formation of an international company to reconstruct and administer the port. Tangier has been without a port for fourteen years owing to international differences, but now that an agreement has been signed, construction of a port will be offered for public tender.

A concession to operate the port will be granted to an international company, in which France will hold thirty per cent. of the shares, and England and Spain will each hold twenty per cent.

It is pointed out in London that the port agreement is a minor affair, which must not be confused with the international statute. Tangier is now negotiating with the British, French, and Spanish representatives, and the delay in the signature of the statute is due to hesitation by Spain to agree to the arrangement, which maintains the authority in Tangier territory of the Sultan of Morocco, whom Spain regards as a French puppet.

When the new draft statute is signed it must be submitted to the other signatories of the Algeiras Pact, including America and Italy.

DANGEROUS DRUGS.

PARIS, December 13.—The Council of the League of Nations has decided to convene next November, two separate international conferences, one to deal with opium smoking and the other with limitation of the manufacture of drugs, and also the production of raw opium. All States which are members of the League, also all signatories of the 1912 Convention will be invited to the second conference, the programme for which will be prepared by a special committee of six members, including the American delegate.

AMERICAN AIRMAN DROWNED.

LONDON, December 13.—An American airman, Laurence Sperry, who placed himself and his aeroplane at the disposal of the Liberals during the election campaign, crashed into the sea off Hastings yesterday, while he was en route for Amsterdam. He is believed to have been drowned.

THE PARLOUS STATE OF GERMANY.

DUTCH HELP FOR STARVING GERMANS.

ROTTERDAM, December 13.—The first Dutch Red Cross train has left for Germany carrying 24,000 worth of foodstuffs and eight van loads of clothing. Five Dutch soup kitchens will be shortly opened in Berlin and Essen.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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The following unclaimed telegrams lying at the office of The Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

Protection, from Kobe. Nolta Hongkong Hotel, from Shanghai.

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Sakaguchi Nihon-yusen, from Kobe.

K. Yamada Hotel c/o Wada Wanchai, from Kobe.

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. left Yokohama on Dec. 8 at 6 a.m. and is due at Vancouver on Dec. 17.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 11 at 9 a.m. leaves Yokohama on Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. and is due at Hongkong on Dec. 16 at 11 a.m.

The B. F. S. S. "Helena" for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg, left Shanghai on Dec. 13 for this port and is due here on Dec. 16. The vessel will be despatched at noon on Dec. 18.

The B. L. S. S. "Bennachib" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp and London left Singapore for this port on Dec. 13 and may be expected to arrive here on or about Dec. 18.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" Capt. A. J. Halley, R.N.R. Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai (Woo-sung), Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Dec. 21.

The A. O. L. S. S. "City of Spokane" sailed from Seattle on Oct. 31 and is due here on or about Dec. 22.

The B. F. S. S. "Leonidea" left Liverpool on Nov. 17 for Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on or about Dec. 23.

The B. F. S. S. "Lycos" left Liverpool on Nov. 24 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Dairen and is due here on or about Dec. 27.

The B. F. S. S. "Ision" left Liverpool on Dec. 8 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Jan. 13.

The A. O. L. S. S. "Elkton" is expected to arrive from New York via ports on January 13, 1924.

CONSIGNEE'S NOTICES.

Cargo per s.s. "Lucerne" remaining undelivered after December 19, will be subject to rent. Agents—The Bank Ltd.

Cargo arrived per s.s. "Annam" remaining undelivered after December 19, will be subject to rent. Agents—John Manuwa & Co., Ltd.

Stops Croup.

It stops croup. That's why mothers keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. It contains no narcotics and is safe for the children. For sale everywhere.

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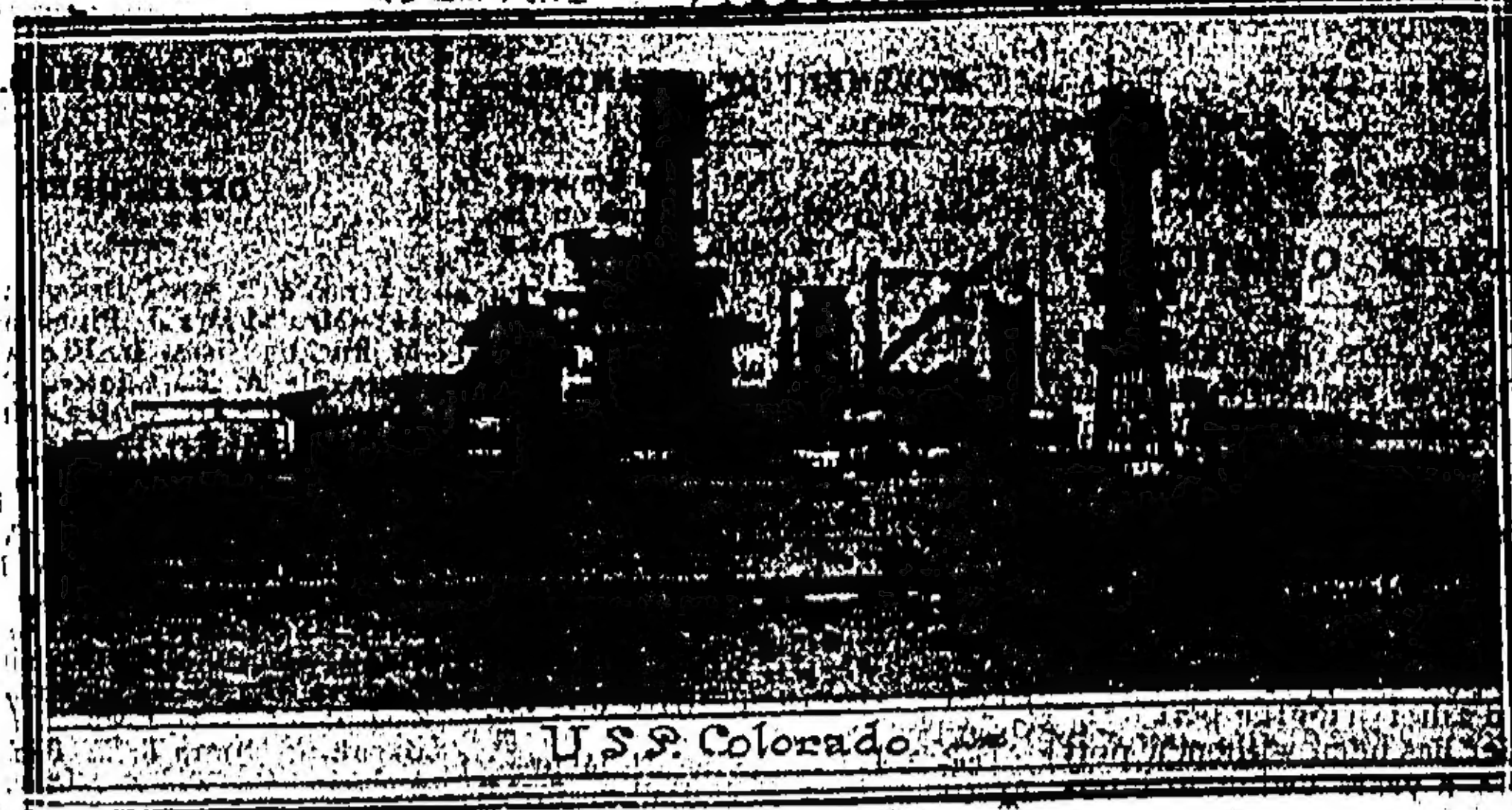
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Stephen von Lortzy, Jr. and child.

Stephen von Lortzy, Jr., a Hungarian nobleman, faces deportation in Chicago on a charge of entering America illegally. His wife is an American girl, and his baby was born in America. He might never have been found out if he had not applied for naturalization papers to become an American citizen. His father, Baron von Lortzy, has lived in America for ten years as head of a Chicago film company. An appeal has been filed in Washington to permit him to remain and become a citizen.



The U. S. S. "Colorado," mightiest warship afloat and the last Uncle Sam can build for ten years, under the Naval Disarmament treaty, has reached the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Navy Yard and will remain there for two months, while her fire-control system is being installed. The vessel is 624 feet long with a normal displacement of 32,600 tons. She is electrically driven, the electricity being generated by oil-burning engines.

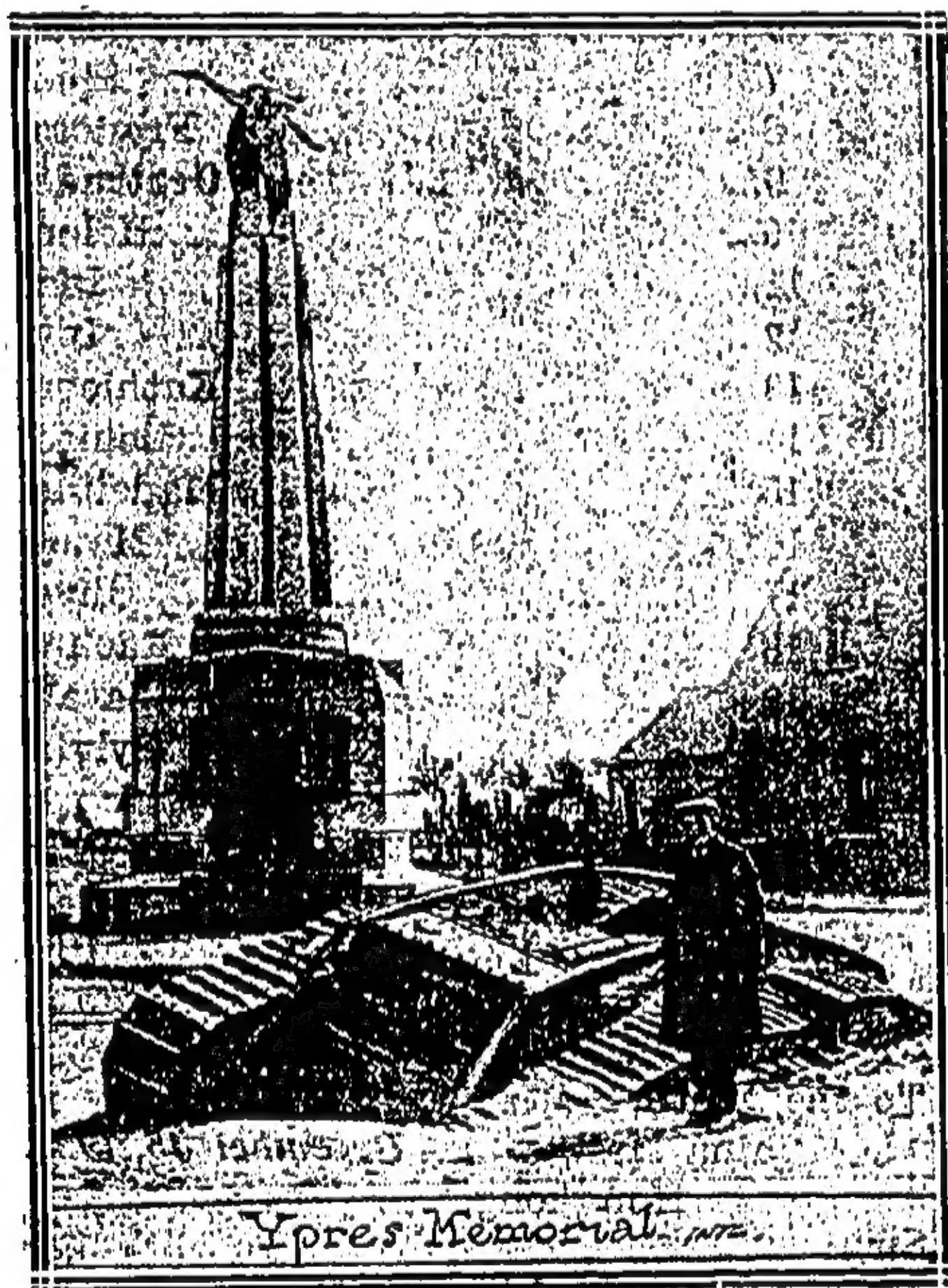


S.M. Vauclain.

Most people pay doctors to cure them, but not Samuel M. Vauclain, millionaire head of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, of Philadelphia. Mr. Vauclain has signed a ten-year contract with a prominent physician to keep him well, and the doctor must pay Mr. Vauclain for all the time he is sick. Mr. Vauclain agrees to do everything his physicians prescribe in his manner of living.



Wireless once more has been used successfully in the medical world, this time to diagnose disease. Dr. Lee Nicholson, of Charlottenburg, Germany, has perfected an apparatus by which he can hear the heart-beat of a patient miles away. Efforts are now being made to continue further development of the instruments so that doctors on shore can hear heart-beats of patients on vessels at sea, and thus order treatment on ships which carry no physicians.



A British war tank, which was sunk in the mud while in action on the Ypres (Belgium) battlefield, has been put to a unique use. It serves as a war memorial in the main street of the village of Ramscapelle. Behind the tank may be seen the memorial to Guynemeyer, French ace of aces, who met his death in aerial combat over the village.



Miss Wan Ying Hsieh, talented Chinese girl, has entered Wellesley College, Wellesley, where she will work for a degree of Master of Arts. Miss Hsieh is the author of numerous books of verse and short stories, under the nom de plume "Ping Hsui," which means "icy heart."



Although the Chinese game, Mah Jong, which has taken such a hold in the United States, was an old game in China when Confucius was a little boy, James P. Babcock, an American, is called the "father" of the game in America. With his wife, he has just returned to San Francisco from China with 170 tons of Mah Jong tiles, counters, racks and other accessories.



Miss Evelyn Smalley.

Miss Evelyn Smalley, daughter of G. W. Smalley, of New York, has been awarded the Legion of Honour decoration, in Paris, in recognition of her canteen work for French soldiers under shell-fire for two years in the World War and at Duisburg, in the occupied territories, since the war. The presentation was made at the Invalides by General Gouraud, Military Governor of Paris. Miss Smalley already possessed the Croix de Guerre and the Medaille Militaire, the latter France's highest valour award.



Mr. and Mrs. Carr.

Fifteen cats, with one handsome feline named "June" as the central star, figure in a new "eternal triangle" brought to light by the suit, for divorce filed in Fort Worth, Texas, by Ed Carr. On All Fools' Day, 1922, he married a woman who called herself "Mrs. Womack," though he now alleges that was not the true name. However, all went well until September 2, 1922, when "she took in a bunch of cats upon which to lavish her affections." About one, "June," "she was extremely foolish." A divorce is the only solution of his domestic troubles, he declares in his suit.

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